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It is difficult to write letters for the public press when you have much which it would not be proper to say, and are determined not to say. I stand in the midst of the thronging events, which roll in like a flood, but am content that the proper hour shall come to all, laden with its great message, in its own good time. I am willing that those whose sympathies are really against our flag, should speak the word that may injure our cause, if the Government see fit to let them. I desire to have neither part nor lot in the matter. It is not improper, however, to state, that if appearances are worth anything, before seven days are past your columns will bristle with reports of deeds, greater and more thrilling, than this continent ever saw. While these great events are coming on, it is difficult, I admit, to write of anything else; and yet, one may improve the hour by a glance at small matters, and the actions and deeds of smaller men; among which, permit me to include one fact I have not observed commented upon in your paper. You have given some of the votes of Mr. Cowan, but have you stated that he did not vote at all on the matter of a new article of war? You will remember that this new article relieved officers from the "*duty*" of returning fugitive slaves coming into their camps. Did you see Cowan's vote on either side? If so, please publish the yeas and nays, as his name escaped me in looking at the list.

The Committee on the War, which had a session or two at Manassas, came back quite full of narrative. I conversed with one of them for a long time to-day. The testimony is clear, that for four weeks before our army moved, there had not been 25,000 men in all the enemy's works. The wooden gun at Centreville would not have been serviceable against our army, had it advanced three weeks before, as they were all very much season-cracked, and therefore useless. Their muzzles lay over the edge of the breast work, and their breeches were supported by wooden pins, like the legs of a saw-horse. There were no defensive works of any account, either at Manassas or Centreville. There were abundant evidences of excellent living among the "secesh," such as the picked bones of many a turkey, and cart loads of champagne bottles, sardine boxes, etc. That part of the "strategy" that consists in starving 'em out, didn't succeed—much.

A friend who has spent nearly all of last week at Manassas, and in the vicinity, came back yesterday loaded with relics of the ill-fated field of Bull Run, and some of the *debris* of headquarters. He has a rare collection of letters in all styles of orthography, except the correct. One letter was from a *Lady* to her friend, thanking him for the gift which he had sent her, and which had arrived safely at hand—in South Carolina. Now, gentle reader, you who may purchase, permit your eye to rest on this line, *what child is you won this gift?* Imagine this fair and chivalrous daughter of "Caroleena" hieing to her fairy bower, "neath the dark magnolia," in the "shade of her orange grove, formed by her dusky slave," which she snatches from the letter of her champion, "gone to the wars," his gift to her. Precious token of his affection! What was it? *A part of a dead man's finger!* or in the language of the letter, "*a bone from a Yankee's finger!*" Pious female! Gentle candidate! Cultivator of the divine institution! Sweet sister of charity! Collect then thy next contribution (in Confederate notes) for the benighted heathen of some foreign shore, in a Yankee's skull! In one of those which thy liege lords, the gallant sons of the South, had suspended in their tents! Skulls got from the desecrated sepulchres of Bull Run field, and boiled over your camp fires! By the way, Messrs. Editors, couldn't this genial disposition be counted upon, as at least the *moral* basis for a compromise? How would this do for example: Compromise on the basis of expelling Mr. Lincoln from the White House, making Breckinridge President, Bennett Vice President, and granting the privilege to Jeff. Davis to distribute over the South as keep-sakes, the bones of every man who shall say that slavery isn't a divine institution? I think the democracy can be counted on to go in for this. Then the days of old will return again. Did not the sea kings, the great gods of the Norse men, drink huge bumpers of mead out of the clean skulls of their enemies. Indeed did they, or the story runs to waste.

The rail to Manassas will be finished by the middle or last of this week, when it is supposed there will be large numbers of visitors. People want to see a place so famous in history, defended by 25,000 men, and wooden guns, against an army of——. I don't know how many score of thousand men, for seven months!

It is some six or seven weeks since I wrote you that Gen. Fremont's vindication would be so triumphant that no one could gainsay it. I knew it would be so, because I knew "what was in the papers." His command now lies *next to that of the army of the Potomac.* An effort is making now by the same parties who have been trying so long and, (thanks to glorious and fairies blessed Abraham) so vainly to break him down, to embarrass him in the matter of troops. The effort has its origin in a quarter you would hardly expect. But I won't call names. It will prove as vain as the other. The Secretary of War, himself, as terrible as "Bellisle's Army—and as much in earnest, is determined that this appointment of the great and good patriot, Fremont, shall not be empty of good. He is not again to be doomed to submit plans and pioneer a campaign that some one else may come in at the last and reap its fruits.

Gen. Fremont and President Lincoln are this day the two most popular men in the country. They deserve to be. They are pure patriots. Their every heart-throb is for the Union and for freedom. You should see the burst of enthusiasm, with which their names are greeted in all loyal assemblies in this city. Mr. Phillips' lecture—copious extracts from which you most wisely published—was a continued ovation, but no names drew such thunders of applause as the above.

Mr. Phillips was, as I thought, astonished at his own success here. His reception was such as any man might be proud of. Why, fifteen months ago, his life would not have been worth a copper in this city. Something has been gained by the war. I am not sure but this dethronement of sham democracy is ample pay for the whole expense. It was not so much what the orator said here, I presume there were not fifty persons in his vast audience who agreed with him—though he held them all as if spell-bound—but the idea of triumph—the triumph of free speech! that was what made his visit so grateful. Here, where until within the past year he would have been treated as if he were a hyena, he not only *came*, but was cordially welcomed. The man who now fills the seat of the late Breckenridge, sat beside him while he spoke his views, freely; he went by invitation into the Senate, where but recently the noble Sumner had been smitten by the coward blow of one gone to his reward. Free speech has now new territory indeed. Do you remember how Pennsylvania Hall fell under the incendiary's torch in 1837? Free speech had barely got down to Philadelphia and was not at home there even. So these twenty-five years are not without their fruit! If there is not free speech in Richmond, within the next two weeks, many will be disappointed.

I have no doubt that the bill for the abolition of the "sum of all villanies" will speedily pass into a law here, with compensation to loyal owners, if such a *rara avis* can be found. What devilish malice it is which lurks in the hearts of those abroad in the free States, in the Pennsylvania Legislature, for example, and in the sham Democracy, generally, and which prompts them to oppose this beneficent measure, is more than I can understand. The owners of this flesh and blood are not wronged! They get their pay! And what have these poor negro people done that they should be thus trodden upon. Isn't their lot hard enough? In their best estate, are they not humble enough! Why break a bruised reed? For the sake of humanity give them as good a chance as you do your pony, which you allow a nibble of fresh grass in your meadows. Those of the colored race whom one observes here are of the most peaceful, and industrious sort. Hundreds of contrabands are now employed here as teamsters, etc. They are not bonafide people, but is there any reason why they should be denied their hard earned pittance? But why argue a point as to which nothing but the sham democracy is stolid enough to dispute! It is a duty our Congress and our President owe to the age in which we live, and especially to the great times on which we have fallen, not only to emancipate the Slaves in this District, but to ameliorate the condition of the colored race here. Those at a distance who oppose it, on whom its good or its evil could in no wise fall, are only gratuitously wicked. Long enough has it been a disgrace to this District that it spreads on its statute book a law mutilating our forty stripes to slaves, free blacks or mulattoes, who shall hold meetings at night! And that is but one of many similar enactments, of the same spirit as that which dictates a gift of a dead man's finger as a token of affection. VISITOR.

LETTER FROM HARRISBURG.

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Mr. McClure, from the Committee on the Apportionment of the State for Congress, reported a bill, which with some few modifications, will probably pass both branches. This bill, however, makes no changes in the western part of the State. It re-arranges the districts in the east, and prevents the division of any county, except in the cases of Philadelphia and Allegheny, where the population rendered it imperative. The bill of 1861 was at fault in this respect in several places: Fractions of the county of Montgomery, were in three different districts, and two other instances of the division of small counties existed. This bill is