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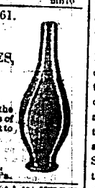

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We hope this good work will be followed up by enrolling all the able-bodied men left, liable to militia duty, and drilling them regularly, to form a reserve from which to draw future supplies.

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The President has decided that he will not for the present permit colored men the privilege of fighting for the salvation of the nation from the dangers of the rebellion. His decision will grieve hundreds of thousands of the most earnest and loyal men of the nation, his best and truest friends, who think that a colored man has as good a right to endure the hardships and perils of a soldier's life, and to lay down his life, if need be, for his country as a white man. It is to be regretted that the President has yielded to an unreasonable and unreasoning prejudice, which is greatly magnified by those who would gladly impose the curse of slavery upon us forever. As it is, we must await in hope the enunciation of a wiser, more statesmanlike, a more enlarged policy.

The President cannot prevent the despised slave from rendering important service to the Federal cause, by any order or proclamation. A story has just come to light which adds another to the many facts of the extraordinary service rendered by slaves during the war. It is stated on good authority, that when our army was retreating to James river, and only four miles distant, the enemy, thirty thousand strong, had penetrated to the road ahead of our army, and lay there expecting our advance. An Engineer officer, riding ahead of the column, was informed of the fact by a negro from a neighboring plantation, who also showed him an old road by which the army could avoid the rebel position, and strike the river a little lower down. The army took the negro's road, and reached the river in safety! If true, is it not strange that that magnificent army should owe its preservation—not to strategy, but a "nigger?"

The letter found below, from Major General HUNTER, to Rev. Dr. TYNG, of New York, comes opportunely to show the contrast between the ideas of a military man, and that of those who have influenced the President to adopt this mistaken policy. General HUNTER, the New York *Tribune* says, is an extensive slaveholder, was born and reared in a slave State, and knows slavery and slaves more thoroughly than almost any man who talks about them. He is by education and choice a soldier of the Republic, and probably never voted in his life, nor took any active part in politics. What he says, therefore, has a weight and authority which the opinions of few men are entitled to. He is for proclaiming Emancipation and arming the loyal slaves of rebels, because he believes that the surest, shortest and indeed only way to save the country from dissolution and ruin. We beg those who think Emancipation a dictate of fanaticism to read General HUNTER'S letter and ask themselves what *motive* this old soldier can have for misrepresentation. He is no extemporized soldier, looking for a Presidential nomination or seat in Congress. He is neither a political nor a civil engineer, but simply a soldier whose profession is war, and who does not understand making war so as not to hurt your enemy. Let no one fail to read his letter:

LETTER FROM GENERAL HUNTER TO THE REV. STEPHEN H. TYNG.

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF THE SOUTH.
Hilton Head, Port Royal, S. C., July 17, 1862.

*Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, President of the National Freedman's Relief Association, New York City:*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication dated June 2, 1862, expressing to me the approval of my course in regard to the freed slaves of this Department by the important and benevolent association of which you are President.

Satisfied of having attempted, in the absence of instructions, to do my duty in the matter according to the best lights of my judgment and a long experience, every assurance of sympathy from men whose characters I esteem is gratifying, and enables me to wait with more patience for those inevitable days which are to give a policy on the slavery question to our Government.

It is my only fear that the lesson may not be understood and acted upon until read in characters of blood at the fireside of every Northern family. To attain wisdom we must suffer; but that wisdom of the Slavery question must finally be obtained, is my sustaining faith.

Our people are not dull of comprehension in regard to matters about which free play is given to their common sense. When a fire is spreading through a block of houses, they do not hesitate to batter down an intermediate house to save the remainder of the block. When the plague occupies an infected district, the district is quarantined, and every resource of science and industry put forth to rid the locality of its presence. The soldiers of health are by no means ordered to mount guard over such sunless hours and see that the vested interests of pestilence are protected. "Break open doors, if they be not opened," is the order on these occasions. "Let in fresh air and sunlight: let purity replace corruption."

But in presence of one great evil, which has so long brooded over our country, the intelligence of a large portion of our country, the intelligence of a large portion of our people would seem paralyzed and helpless. Their moral nerves lie torpid under its benumbing shadow. Its breath has been the pestilence of the political atmosphere in which our statesman have been nurtured; and never, I fear, until its beak is dripping with the best blood of the country, and its talons tangled in her vitals, will the free masses of the loyal States be fully aroused to the necessity of abating the abomination at whatever cost and by whatever agencies.

This is written, not politically, but according to my profession in the military sense. Looking forward, there looms up a possibility (only too possible) of a peace which shall be nothing but an armistice, with every advantage secured to the rebellion. Nothing can give us permanent peace but a successful prosecution of the war, with every weapon and energy at our command, to its logical and legitimate conclusion. The fomenting cause of the rebellion must be abated; the ax must be laid to the root of the upas tree which has rained down such bitter fruit upon our country, before anything like a permanent peace can be justly hoped.

Already I see signs in many influential quarters, heretofore opposed to my views in favor of arming the blacks, of a change of sentiment. Our recent disasters before Richmond have served to illuminate many minds.

To speak of using the negroes merely for throwing up intrenchments is a step in the right direction, though far short of what must be the end. It has the advantage, however, of making the further and final steps necessary; for men working in face of the enemy must have arms with which to protect themselves if suddenly attacked.

On the whole, there is much reason to be satisfied with the progress made by public sentiment, considering how deeply rooted were the prejudices to be overcome, the general failure of the nation to realise at first the proportions of the war, and the impunity still extended to those Northern traitors who are plunderers of the Government by means of fraudulent army and navy contracts, on the one hand, while using every energy of tongue and pen to excite discontent with our Government and sympathy with the more candid and courageous traitors of the South who are in arms against us.

In conclusion, it may be not inappropriate to say that in transmitting the approval of the National Freedman's Relief Association of my course, you were—doubtless unconsciously to yourself—indorsing views which your own earnest eloquence had no slight share in maturing. Though without the pleasure of your personal acquaintance, I was, during a year, a member of your congregation, and take this opportunity of gratefully acknowledging my indebtedness to your teachings.

Your letter would have been earlier answered, had not pressing duties too fully occupied my time.

Believe me, sir, very truly, your obliged and obedient servant, D. HUNTER.

P. S.—None of the carefully fostered delusions by which slavery has sustained itself at the North, is more absurd than the bugbear of "a general migration of negroes to the North," as a necessary sequence of emancipation. So far from this being the fact, that although it is well known that I give passes North to all negroes asking them, not more than a dozen have applied to me for such passes since my arrival here, their local attachments being apparently much stronger than with the white race. My experience leads me to believe that the exact reverse of the received opinion on this subject would form the rule, and that nearly if not quite all the negroes of the North would migrate South whenever they shall be at liberty to do so without fear of the auction-block.

Sincerely, D. H.

### A Sensible and Patriotic Speech.

At the Cincinnati War Meeting, Thursday last, Hon. Mr. FISK, Lieut. Governor of Kentucky, made an excellent speech. We take the following pithy extract:

You, then, are fighting for independence—for liberty, for your homes, for national existence and power. If the Government is defeated, the national domain severed by this war, we stand before the world a fifth-rate power, impotent, imbecile, disgraced; incapable of keeping the peace at home or of vindicating our rights abroad. The world could almost get along without us, but, united with this great element of strength—a part of us, this rebellion put down, our old order of things restored, fanaticism dead, reason again governing our counsels, we will be the heralds and champions of civilization. Can this rebellion be put down? Yes. Can it be put down with the present idea, and the present means of the Administration? No. Send fewer school marms to look after the negroes, and more soldiers to dispose of the rebels. Call down upon this rebellion at once all the military resources of this great people. Send out valiant men sufficient to make it an easy job. That men enough are going will make enlistments easy; but to dole out insufficient members and send them against a superior force to be repulsed and crushed, is disheartening. It *was* a question of conciliation. It is now a question of power. That power we have, and that power can be exerted. If the President will call for it, organize and permit it to strike. The Government has been handling the traitors with the tips of its fingers, and gloved at that. Now let it double up its fist of iron, and let it come down with crushing force upon the armed head of this rebellion.

Let not the Government heed the Northern sympathizers of the traitors, who complain of the hard measures being taken, and threatened against the rebels; but let it lay on, till the loyal men of Kentucky cry hold; let it lay on till the patriots of East Tennessee, say your measures are too severe. Let these sympathizers cease to live, move and breathe within Secession influences, and go up nearer the Cerulean, and be inspired with a new life, a higher courage, a nobler ambition, whence Andrew Johnson and Brownlow, of Tennessee, Gens. Boyle and Rousseau, of Kentucky, draw their inspiration, and assist them to preserve the Republic. What our Government cost; what it has done for this people; what it has done for the oppressed of other nations; what it is worth, you all know. The great pressing question is, will you permit it to be destroyed forever? If you answer, No! you must make that answer good by an adequate force—an overwhelming force, immediately put into the field. The loyal men of Kentucky are with you; thirty thousand of her sons are now in the field; other thousands are ready to go. We are beset by foes within. Armed treason assails us. To all who came to our aid in our recent peril, Kentucky returns her thanks. We must all go to war. For a brief space suspend the money-making spirit, arouse the patriotism of the nation, send a million of men into the field, and make short work of this rebellion. Proud will be the day when the end of this rebellion is commenced, and forever glorious and honored will be the names of all those who bear arms in its overthrow.

### The Army—A Quarter of a Million Soldiers Absent from Duty.

From high military authority it is learned that although there are on the rolls drawing pay over 600,000 enlisted men, the number actually on duty does not exceed 363,000. The other 250,000 comprise the wounded, sick and absent on furlough. It is estimated that more than one hundred thousand are absent on furlough. It has been ascertained, also, that a large number of these furloughs have been procured through surgeons for a consideration. Measures have been taken to prevent the continuation of these practices, as well as to return the furloughed men to their regiments.

"PRACTICALLY, Republicanism is abolitionism," says a correspondent of the Boston *Courier*. No sensible person will doubt that practically abolitionism is abolitionism, or that secessionism is abolitionism. As these three isms comprise a very large majority of the people of the United States, the system of slavery would seem to be girdled with a circle of fire, to escape which is impossible unless conservatism can succeed in its novel experiment of trying to extinguish a fire by pouring on oil.—*Nashville Union.*

### NOTES FROM THE CAPITAL.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

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