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General Scott's Narrative.

The impudent publication, in a speech by John Van Buren, of General Scott's brief letter to Mr. Seward, written the day before Mr. Lincoln's inauguration, without the leave of either of those gentlemen, and which we published several days ago, has drawn out of that venerable chieftain a narrative of facts touching the early stages of this great rebellion, which will arrest the attention of the world, and form a most extraordinary page in the history of these times. We give it to-day, to the exclusion of much of our usual variety.

We shall in this place point to a single fact disclosed by the General. It was in December, 1860; South Carolina was on the point of seceding; Fort Sumter was without a garrison, and Fort Moultrie had in it but a handful of men under command of Major Anderson; Gen. Scott begged Mr. Buchanan to reinforce these forts. The reply of Mr. Buchanan will hardly be credited. "The time has not arrived for doing so," he said. "*He would wait the action of the Convention of South Carolina*, in the expectation that a commission would be appointed, and sent to negotiate with him and Congress respecting the secession of the State and the property of the United States held within its limits."

There it is! There is a clear life-picture of pro-slavery democracy as it was then, under the lead of Buchanan, and as it is now, under that of Hughes & Co.

Gen. Scott has fully vindicated himself, and shown that he did all that one loyal and faithful man could do to crush the rebellion in the bud. Whether poor Buchanan was a traitor at heart, or only a craven hearted imbecile, cowering like a slave, before his imperious masters, is yet a mooted point, more curious than important; but take him either way, he was a good type of a modern leader of the democracy of the North.

THE Louisville *Journal*, after something like a growl of dissatisfaction at its late favorite General, and Kentucky's favorite son, DON CARLOS BUELL, for his miserably abortive attempt to cope with BRAGG in a running fight, goes on to intimate what may possibly follow BRAGG's safe escape into East Tennessee. It says:

"Bragg is by this time, We presume, in Tennessee. We are anxious to learn whether he is followed across the line by Buell. If he is not, we shall no doubt hear soon of his striking a heavy blow somewhere. His army cannot afford to lie idle. It is far too great for that. But where it will go is the question. One of the Atlanta papers says that the Chattanooga Railroad is in full running order, to within fifteen miles of Nashville. If this is true, is there not danger that Bragg may get to Nashville and capture it with an overwhelming force before the necessary reinforcements will be sent forward to the gallant Negley's support?

"When shall we have another such opportunity to catch a huge rebel army as we have just lost?

The Rebel Retreat from Kentucky.

The following special dispatch, dated Mt. Vernon, Ky., Oct. 21st, appears in the Cincinnati *Gazette*:

Smith's division, Crittenden's corps, yesterday pursued the enemy from Camp Nelson, seven miles beyond Wildcat, to within forty miles of Cumberland Gap. The enemy are still flying with the utmost precipitation, traveling night and day, and leaving broken down men every mile of the march.

We captured fifty head of cattle from a drove of three thousand which the rebels took from the Blue Grass region.

Complete devastation marks the enemy's trail. They have robbed the mountaineers of everything, so that their immense trains may not be drawn upon till the last moment.

The rebels are leaving in great disgust, saying they were more bushwhacked in Kentucky than ever the Yankees were in the South.

Incompetent Army Officers.

The message of Jefferson Davis to the Confederate Congress, on the subject of incompetent officers, and his practice in removing generals who fail to win victories, are much commented on in official circles. It is noticed that Van Dorn was instantly removed after losing the battle of Corinth.

General Halleck remarks that the same rigid system of accountability would doubtless have saved us from many disasters and reverses in the past, but our leaders are too kind-hearted and complaisant to dismiss incompetent Generals from the service. The inquiries into the charges against Gen. Mactindale and the surrender of Harper's Ferry will, however, be followed up by the most rigid justice. The attempts made to restore Major Key and Commander Preble to the service have entirely failed.—*Washington Correspondence of N. Y. Post.*

From Kentucky.

The Cincinnati *Gazette*, of Wednesday morning, says:

"We received information last evening which can be relied upon, that fifteen hundred of Gen. Granger's army, under Colonel Swaine, reached Lexington yesterday forenoon, and pushed on through that city.

General Granger has an army of forty thousand men between Cincinnati and Lexington, which is moving forward as fast as it can, so we are informed. One column is moving up the pike, and the other along the railroad, rebuilding the bridges and repairing the track, and keeping it open in their rear. This army has been kept back by the want of water, and the General commanding has not seen fit to move his men faster than he could rebuild the bridges and operate the road. For a distance of thirty-six miles on this road, there is not a drop of water to be obtained for either the men or mules.

When at Falmouth, on Friday last, the General ascertained that Morgan, who was then in possession of Lexington, had sent down a number of his men to destroy the bridge and trestle work just north of Paris, and he accordingly dispatched Col. Swaine, with the fifteen hundred men who reached Lexington yesterday, to Paris, which point they reached, after a forced march of fifty miles during that night, in time to save the bridge and trestle work, and to arrest the whole party.

All the bridges on the road have now been rebuilt, and the road is expected to be open to-morrow.

Gen. Granger's entire army is expected to reach the neighborhood of Lexington to-day and to-morrow, when we are promised that that portion of the State shall be immediately cleared of Gen. Morgan and his entire force of rebel cavalry, and of guerrilla parties, who are now prowling about and robbing the Union men.

Some of the Richmond papers are now strongly recommending the drafting of negroes for military service.

Gen. Scott's Vindication.

Gen. WINFIELD SCOTT, deeming his past fidelity to the Union and his disposition to maintain it by force, when necessary, distrusted by some recent publications, submits in self-defense the following memoranda, which he makes public through the *National Intelligencer*. They cannot possibly damage the reputation of the thief and traitor Floyd, nor of his confederates, Howell Cobb and Jacob Thompson; but we should really like to know what ex-President Buchanan and ex-Secretary Toucey have to say to them:

SOUTHERN PORTS—A SUMMARY, &c.

October 30, 1860—I emphatically called the attention of the President to the necessity of strong garrisons in all the forts below the principal commercial cities of the Southern States, including, by name, the forts in Pensacola harbor. *October 31*—I suggested to the Secretary of War that a circular should be sent at once to such of those forts as had garrisons to be on the alert against surprises and sudden assaults. (*See my "Views," since printed.*)

After a long confinement to my bed in New York, I came to this city (Washington) Dec. 12. Next day I personally urged upon the Secretary of War the same views, viz: strong garrisons in the Southern forts—those of Charleston and Pensacola harbors, at once; those on Mobile Bay and the Mississippi, below New Orleans, next, &c., &c. I again pointed out the organized companies and the recruits at the principal depots available for the purpose. The Secretary did not concur in any of my views, when I begged him to procure for me an early interview with the President, that I might make one effort more to save the forts and the Union.

By appointment the Secretary accompanied me to the President, December 16, when the same topics, Secessionism, &c., were again pretty fully discussed. There being at the moment (in the opinion of the President) no danger of an early Secession, beyond South Carolina, the President, in reply to my arguments for immediately reinforcing Fort Sumter, said:

"The time has not arrived for doing so; that he should wait the action of the Convention of South Carolina, in the expectation that a Commission would be appointed and sent to negotiate with him and Congress respecting the Secession of the State, and the property of the United States held within its limits; and that if Congress should decide against the Secession, then he would send a reinforcement, and telegraph the commanding officer (Major Anderson) of Fort Moultrie to hold the Forts (Moultrie and Sumter) against attack."

And the Secretary, with animation, added:

"We have a vessel of war (the Brooklyn) held in readiness at Norfolk, and he would then send three hundred men in her from Fort Monroe to Charleston."

To which I replied, first that so many men could not be withdrawn from that garrison, but could be taken from New York. Next, that it would then be too late, as the South Carolina Commissioners would then have the game in their hands, by first uniting and then cutting the wires; that as there was not a soldier in Fort Sumter, any handful of armed Secessionists might seize and occupy it, &c.

Here the remark may be permitted, that if the Secretary's 300 men had then, or some time later, been sent to Forts Moultrie and Sumter, both would now have been in the possession of the United States, and not a battery below them could have been erected by the Secessionists; consequently the access to those forts from the sea would now (the end of March) be unobstructed and free.*

The same day, December 15, I wrote the following note:

"Lieut. Gen. Scott begs the President to pardon him for supplying, in this note, what he omitted to say this morning at the interview with which he was honored by the President.

"Long prior to the force bill (March 2, 1833,) prior to the issue of his proclamation, and in pursuance of the passage of the ordinance of nullification, President Jackson, under the act of March 3, 1807, authorizing the employment of the land and naval forces, caused reinforcements to be sent to Fort Moultrie, and 2 to secure the execution of the revenue laws. Gen. Scott himself arrived at Charleston the day after the passage of the ordinance of nullification, and some of the additional companies were then en route for the same destination.

"President Jackson familiarly said at the time, that by the assemblage of those forces, for the lawful purpose, he was not making war upon South Carolina; but that if South Carolina attacked them, she, in South Carolina that made war upon the United States.

"Gen. S., who received his first instruction (oral) from the President, in the temporary absence of the Secretary of War, (Gen. Cass,) remembers those expressions well.

*"Saturday Night, Dec. 15, 1860."

*Dec. 28.—A gain, after Major Anderson had gallantly and wisely thrown his handful of men from Fort Moultrie into Fort Sumter—learning that, on demand of South Carolina, there was great danger he might be ordered by the Secretary back to the less tenable work, or out of the harbor—I write this note:

"Lieut. Gen. Scott begs to has had a bad night, and can scarcely hold upthe head this morning! Begs to express the hope to the Secretary of War.—I. That orders may not be given for the evacuation of Fort Sumter. 2. That 150 recruits may instantly be sent from Governor's Island to re-enforce that garrison, with ample supplies of ammunition and subsistence, including fresh vegetables, as potatoes, onions, turnips, and, 3. That one or two armed vessels be sent to support the fort.

"Lieut.-Gen. S. avails himself of this opportunity also to express the hope that the recommendations heretofore made by him to the Secretary of War, concerning Forts Jackson, St. Philip, Pickens, and Pulaski, and particularly in respect to Fort Pickens, be promptly adopted, and, if misled by zeal, he hopes for the President's forgiveness.

"Will the President permit Gen. S. without reference to the War Department, and otherwise as secretly as possible, to send 250 recruits from New York harbor to reinforce Fort Sumter, together with some extra muskets or rifles, ammunition and subsistence?

"It is hoped that a sloop-of-war and cutter may be ordered for the same purpose as early as to-morrow.

"Gen. S. will wait upon the President at any moment he may be called for."

The South Carolina Commissioners had already been many days in Washington, and no movement of defense (on the part of the United States) was permitted.

I will here close my notice of Fort Sumter by quoting from some of my previous reports.

It would have been easy to reinforce this fort down to about the 12th of February. In this long delay Fort Moultrie had been rearmed and greatly strengthened in every way by the rebels. Many powerful new land batteries (beside a formidable raft) have been constructed. Hulks, too, have been sunk in the principal channel so as to render access to Fort Sumter from the sea impracticable without first carrying all the lower batteries of the secessionists. The difficulty of reinforcing has thus been increased ten or twelve fold. First, the late President refused to allow any attempt to be made because he was

The plan invented by General Scott to stop Secession was, like all campaigns devised by him, very able in its details, and nearly certain of general success. The Southern States are full of arsenals and forts, commanding their rivers and strategic points. General Scott desired to transfer the army of the United States to these forts as speedily and as quietly as possible. The Southern States could not cut off communication between the Government and the fortresses without a great fleet, which they cannot build for years, or take them, by land without 100,000 men, and many hundred millions of dollars, several campaigns, and many a bloody siege. Had Scott been able to have got these forts in the condition he desired them to be, the Southern Confederacy would not now exist. [Part of the eulogy pronounced on Secretary Floyd (who defeated Scott's plans) by the *Richm