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**The Horrors of Andersonville.**  
—The Truth At Last.

[From the Rochester Union.]

We have for a few days past been making faithful inquiry into the question as to who originated and enforced the policy of leaving Federal Soldiers, taken by the enemy, to starve and rot in rebel prison pens, and have at last struck upon evidence that appears to remove all doubt. This evidence, we are glad to say, is of a character and comes from a source that at once carries conviction and relieves us of any liability to suspicion of unfairness that might otherwise be entertained by our Republican friends. We find it in the documentary record of that immaculate authority—the "Committee on the Conduct of the War"—in a report made to that body by the chief of the Impeachment Managers, Maj. Gen. B. F. Butler. The position occupied by Gen. Butler at this time, in the eyes of the Radical party of the country especially, adds great weight to his testimony and serves to give additional importance and interest to the subject under consideration.

In the report General Butler recites the facts concerning the disagreement about the exchange of prisoners existing when he was entrusted with the duties of Commissioners by the Secretary of War, in December, 1863. He succeeded during the following three months, after much trouble, in arranging the basis of an exchange man for man and officer for officer, with the rebel Commissioner, Mr. Ould, with whom he held conference at Fortress Monroe. He then says:

"Mr. Ould left on the 31st of March, with the understanding that I would get authority and information from my government by which all dispute points possible could be adjusted, and would then confer with him further, either meeting him at City Point or elsewhere for that purpose. In the meantime the exchanges of sick and wounded and special exchanges should go on."

Lieut. General Grant visited Fortress Monroe on the 1st of April, being the first time I had ever met him. To him the state of the negotiations as to exchange was verbally communicated, and most emphatic verbal directions over received from the Lieutenant General not to take any step by which another able bodied man should be exchanged until further order from them."

On the 14th of April, Gen. Grant at Washington, stated that the whole subject of exchange of prisoners had been referred to him as follows:

WASHINGTON, 11 p. m., April 14, 1864.

MAJ. GEN. BUTLER: Your report respecting negotiations with Commissioner Ould for the exchange of prisoners of war, has been referred to me for my orders.

Until examined by me, and my orders thereon are received by you, decline all further demonstrations.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. Gen.

Six days later, after General Grant "had examined," he sent a long telegram to General Butler, stating that he had been empowered to "give such instructions as I may deem proper," and he gave instructions of which General Butler says:

"Of course these instructions, in the then state of negotiations, rendered any further exchange impossible, and retaliation useless."

General Butler says he then made an effort to have the sick and wounded excepted, so that they might be exchanged, and he received the following telegram in reply:

WASHINGTON, 9:30 p. m., April 30 1864.

MAJ. GEN. B. F. BUTLER: Receive all the sick and wounded the Confederate authorities will send you, send none in exchange.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. Gen.

Upon this extraordinary "instruction" General Butler remarks as follows:

"To obtain delivery of even sick and wounded prisoners without any return would be a somewhat difficult operation, save that the enemy, by giving us our wounded and sick in their hand we are saving all the rebel sick and wounded in ours, burdened us with the care and cost of all the sick and wounded of both sides—an operation of which it is difficult to see the strategic value, and only to be defended because of its humanity in rescuing our wounded, from the destitution of sufferings permitted to them by Confederates."

In August the question of exchanging prisoners was again up, the rebel Commissioners having renewed the offer to give man for man and officer for officer. But Gen. Grant interposed and in a telegram to Gen. Butler, dated City point, August 18, 1864, said:

On the subject of exchange, I differ with General Hiecock, it is hard on our men held in Southern prisons not to exchange them, but is humanity to

those left in the ranks to fight our battles. Every man released on parole or otherwise becomes an active soldier against us at once either directly or indirectly. If we commence a system of exchange which liberates all prisoners taken, we will have to fight on until the whole South is exterminated. If we hold those men chaut, they amount to no more than dead men. At this particular time, to release all rebel prisoners North would insure Sherman's defeat, and would compromise our safety here.

U. S. GRANT, Lieut. Gen.

Here we have a full and free avowal that the leaving of tens of thousands of poor Federal soldiers, whose patriotism and bravery carry them to the front of battle, to starve, and rot, and die in the rebel prison pens was a matter of studied policy—a part of the tactics by which General Grant made war upon the rebellion. And the people will remember that while this inhuman policy was being mercilessly carried out they were told by the government and by the organs of the administration that the whole difficulty about the exchange was on the part of the rebels—that our government was willing and anxious to get our poor deaths out of the jaws of the terrible death that awaited them in the rebel prisons, but could not. The duplicity was in keeping with the worse than barbarity.

Gen. Butler concludes his report in these words:

"I have felt it my duty to give an account with this particular carefulness of my participation in the business of exchange of prisoners, the orders under which I acted, and the negotiations attempted, which comprises a faithful narration of all that was done, so that all may become a matter of history.

The great importance of the questions; the fearful responsibility for the many thousands of lives which, by the refusal to exchange, were sacrificed by the most cruel forms of death, from cold, starvation and pestilence, of the prison-pens of Raleigh and Andersonville, being more than all the British soldiers killed in the wars of Napoleon; the anxiety of fathers, brothers, sisters, mothers, wives, to know the exigency which caused this terrible and perhaps, as it may have seemed to them useless and unnecessary destruction of those dear to them, by horrible deaths, each and all have compelled me to this exposition so that it may be seen that these lives were spent as a part of the system of attack upon the rebellion, advised by the wisdom of the General-in-chief of the armies to destroy it by depiction, depending upon our superior numbers to win the victory at last."

The loyal mourners will doubtless derive solace from this fact, and appreciate all the more highly the genius which conceived the plan and the success won at so great a cost.

It is Gen. Butler, chief Manager of Impeachment and leader of the Radical party now supporting Gen. Grant for the Presidency, who states these facts and makes this criticism upon the originator and executor of the policy of sacrificing uselessly and unnecessarily, more lives than the British lost in all their wars with Napoleon, We have nothing to add.

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