



A DECISION ON THE NEW STAY LAW.

The decision of Philadelphia, decided that the principal reason of the stay law of Pennsylvania, is unconstitutional in the case of Miller vs. Ripka & Co.

The defendant applied for an extension of stay under the provisions of the act of 21st May, 1861, grounded upon an affidavit that a majority in number and two-thirds in value of their creditors had agreed to give them an extension, to refer to the Provisional Court of the county of Philadelphia.

Two thirds in value and a majority in number of the creditors decide what is reasonable, and the act gives the Court no power to review their action. The stay ordered to be entered by the Court, must be in precise conformity to that reported as the terms of the agreement of the creditors.

Such a matter cannot be the subject of judicial discretion. We have no power to do what the Legislature has not done—namely, to grant a stay which shall not exceed a certain limit if it be true that the Legislature may grant a reasonable stay, it is not reasonable to leave it to the decision of a majority in number and two-thirds in value of the creditors, a tribunal not recognized by law, and which may be unduly influenced in favor of the debtor.

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There are many difficult questions to be decided by the Government, which are daily arising out of this war. The capture of the Southern privateer, Savannah, and her crew of twenty-four men, devolves a very delicate, as well as a very grave responsibility upon the executive and judicial authorities of the United States, which must be promptly and properly discharged.

The newspaper correspondent, it is about Washington city, appear likely to get into the daily press with news in reference to the army in advance. One officer, it is said, has ordered the shooting of all reporters found within the lines. Doubtless this trouble has been caused by the sensation reports taken from New York daily, and steps should be taken promptly to ascertain who are guilty of violations of confidence, and who are innocent. It is not right that a whole class of very useful and intelligent men should suffer any indignity or harsh treatment on account of the indiscretions or criminality of two or three persons.

The Cincinnati Commercial says: The crew of the Confederate privateer Savannah, thirty in number, captured at Charleston, have been put in irons on board the U. S. frigate Minnesota. Now let them be put in irons and the retribution will be completed. There is only one way to treat these scoundrels. Show them that Mr. Jeff Davis's letters of transmittal are a sure passport to another world.

Hon. Nathaniel Green Pendleton, an old and prominent citizen of Cincinnati, (father of Hon. Gen. H. Pendleton,) deceased on Saturday, the 15th inst., after a lingering illness. He died of disease of the heart, and was 68 years old.

Hon. Frederick B. Wright, of Luzerne, is the Democratic candidate for Congress, at the special election to be held on next Saturday, (June 22nd), throughout the Twelfth Congressional District.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World, says the opinion is prevalent there that the crew of Jeff Davis's privateer Savannah, will be confined and treated as prisoners of war.

Gun Christianized.

Further Moorey, captain of one of the Regiments now at Arlington Heights, christened a monster gun on Fort Corcoran, on Saturday last. The gun was christened "Hunter," in honor of the commander of the brigade. The worthy Father spoke in the following happy and eloquent manner:

"Gentlemen, it is with more than ordinary pleasure I come forward to perform a ceremony which is not only pleasing to us all, but highly honorable—I should say a welcome prerogative to me, on this auspicious occasion, and that is a christening of the noble gun on Fort Corcoran. In the kind providence of God, it has been for me as a priest during the last nine years, to baptize many a fine blue-eyed babe, but never had I brought before me such a large, quiet, healthy, and promising fellow as which I now before me. Indeed, I must remark it has happened when pouring the baptismal water on the child's head, he opened his little eyes and put a large drop of the water than he wished. But on this occasion, this noble son of a great Father, has his mouth open, evidently indicating that he is a Christian, which, I have no doubt he is, in a hundred voices, to the joy of his friends and to the shame of his enemies."

Jeff Davis's Letter of Marque. The following is the letter of marque granted by Jeff Davis, to the schooner Savannah, which was captured a few days since:

"Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, all who shall see these presents, greeting. Know ye that in virtue of the power vested in me by law, I have commissioned, and do hereby commission, you, the schooner vessel called the Savannah, now particularly described in the schedule herewith annexed, wherof T. Harrison Baker is commander, to act as a private armed vessel in the service of the Confederate States, on the high seas, against the United States of America, their vessels, goods and effects, and those of their citizens, during the pendency of the war now existing between said Confederate States and said United States; this commission to continue in force until revoked by the President of the Confederate States, or until the expiration of the term therein being specified."

Given under my hand and the seal of the Confederate States, at Montgomery, this 18th day of May, A. D. 1861. By the President, Jefferson Davis. R. Toombs, Secretary of State.

The Coming Session of Congress. By the special dispatches from Washington, to the N. Y. World, we learn that the bill of Congress are about ready for occupation. The summer dress will be beautiful beyond precedent. The hot crimson cushions have been removed from the house and replaced by a style more elegant and subdued.

The sale of furniture at the president's house was very successful, as most of the things put up brought quite as much as the original cost. Some brought more, and on the whole it is safe to say nothing was lost of the few things sold. The idea of having household articles that had been used by the first president of the republic, was, undoubtedly, a strong incentive for many to purchase, and others had the incentive of Mrs. Todd's—it would be so hardy to have such things in the house. At the government building only such furniture was sold as is generally used in counting rooms and business houses, and the sale was consequently, at a loss.

A citizen of Washington who has just arrived at New York from Columbia, South Carolina, where he has been at work in the state house, says that the coming North were full of troops on route for Virginia. He states that the general opinion is that the bulk of the campaign will be confined to Virginia.

The First Massachusetts Regiment, 1040 strong, passed through Jersey City on Saturday en route for Washington. They were entertained by the "Sons of Massachusetts," who provided them with a collation. This is one of the finest regiments that has left for the seat of war.

A SLAVER, the Nightingale, was brought into New York on Saturday last, having been captured, with 950 slaves on board, off the coast of Africa by the frigate Saratoga.

The Cincinnati Commercial finds fault with Gen. Cameron, Secretary of War, about his military operations, and intimates that the army is being converted into a hospital for decayed politicians.

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