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"A Good Appointment from
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This was the declaration of Abraham Lincoln, our representative in Congress, in reply to Mr. McKnight's disclaimer of having recommended Simon Cameron for a seat in the Cabinet. Commenting upon these proceeding, the New York *Times*, a Republican journal remarks:

Pennsylvania Jobbery.

The full length and official report of what occurred in the House of Representatives on Friday, on the matter of Army and Navy contracts, is rather a discreditable exhibition of personalities. At the same time some public good may come of it, and certain moving Commissions will not prosper. Beyond the circumstance, that Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, led the discussion, on behalf of his Committee, who had been violently assailed in their absence the previous Monday, the whole affair appears to be a Pennsylvania story. Cameron, Chimmings and Stevens, are arraigned for jobbery; while Stevens, Kelly and Moorhead, of the Pennsylvania delegation, are made counsel for the defence. To be sure, Mr. Colfax, of Indiana, is brought to their assistance, not so much, perhaps, as the apologist of the ex-Secretary of War, as the assailant of the Committee for their mode of investigation of the Frémont case. It will scarcely be denied that Mr. Dawes makes a strong case against the Pennsylvanians; and in this is backed by his entire Committee.

The most singular development against the ex-Secretary, Cameron himself, is, that he should have refused to proceed making any contracts for arms and supplies, after a formal notice to another house, "positively and absolutely to cease and desist from all further action in the premises," and that he should have continued for months to make contracts after this decision. The language of this decision was as follows:

"In the meantime I deem it proper to state that I have, myself and through my subordinates, made no contract for any kind of arms, and always interpreted the letter of my instructions as contemplating that the chiefs of bureaus, who are experienced and skilful officers of the regular army, shall make all contracts for supplies for the various branches of the service under their charge, respectively.

So far, I have not found any occasion to interfere with them in the discharge of this portion of their responsible duties."

Another considerable contract for swords and sabres, dated January 15, 1862, a party was made to make as many as they could manufacture and complete for six months. It was a contract that had existed, or was about to expire, by its limitation, and which the Chief of Ordnance refused distinctly, and gave his reason for not doing so, which was addressed to the Secretary of War. He says:

"As regards the second objection, to state that no contract of a precisely similar character has been made for the delivery of one hundred and seventy-five thousand stand of arms, and that the contracts under which Messrs. Remington, Wesson, Ames, and others, are now delivering arms, were made only for short periods, to the amount of about one million of arms, on their own manufacture. I do not think an extension of the contracts necessary or advisable."

Beneath this is the expression of that contract, by order of the Secretary of War, for four months, and all beneath that, on the 15th day of January, are these words:

JANUARY 15, 1862.

This order is extended for six months, from the termination of the time mentioned above.

SIMON CAMERON,
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