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DAILY POST.

THE HABEAS CORPUS.

Honor to whom honor is due, and all honor at that, in view of the pestiferous bias and proneness evinced by *freemen* among us—in and out of place—to "make it light" to the diffuse military power of the Government, by practically placing the civil in subordination to it when the two come in conflict.

The above remark is elicited in gratification at the reported decision of his Honor Judge McCandless in the case of the minor who, without the consent of his parents, substituted himself for $175 in lieu of a drafted man, on a *Habeas Corpus* at the relation of the parent, decided yesterday, December 4th, 1862.

Much has been made—besides the loss of liberty to David Heasley, of Westmoreland county, and James Riddle, of McKeesport, and loss to their parents, by the failure of their suits, of the custody of their children and the costs of the writs—out of the decision of the late Judge Ritchie in the case of the former, which I will state with exactness. The decision was a virtual *denial* to the parents of a hearing on their writs.

I give, in its very words, the return to the writ in Heasley's case:

"No. 267, dec. 1, 1862.

"And now, Nov. 28th, 1862, Robert Pollock makes return to this writ that the body of David Heasley was not in his possession at date of issuing this writ, nor at any time since.

ROBERT POLLOCK, Captain.

"And now, to wit, Nov. 28th, Captain E. S. Wright, Provost Marshall at Pittsburgh appears voluntarily and makes return to this writ that he has the body of David Heasley present in Court, who is in custody of Captain E. S. Wright as a deserter or straggler.

EDWARD S. WRIGHT,
Captain 62nd P. V.,
Provost Marshal."

The final order was in these words:

"And now, Nov. 28th, 1862, it appearing to Court that the petitioner is under arrest as a deserter or straggler, for commission of a military offence, triable by a military tribunal, he is remanded to the custody of the officer in charge of him.

G. ADAMS, Associate Judge."

The proceedings were as follows: On reading the return of Capt. Wright, Judge Ritchie, addressing the counsel for the relator, said, "Why, Mr. Smith, the President's proclamation suspends the writ of *habeas corpus* in these cases." Captain Wright was sworn to his return, and, being interrogated, he said he "had no knowledge of any charges *having been* preferred against Heasley, but they *would be* in due time." On proceeding to remonstrate, *ex debito justiciæ*, in the line of his duty to Court and relator, that there was no "warrant of commitment or detainer" shown, counsel was reminded by the Bench that the case "*had been decided.*" Thus, with a heavy heart, he had to stand and take the new doctrine, that "it seemeth to me (*un is the old*) reasonable to send a prisoner and not withal to signify the crimes laid against him." The decision and order, though signed by Judge Adams, was Judge Ritchie's. The words in it, "as a deserter or straggler," were inserted at the instance of Relator's counsel *after* the order was read from the bench, as the whole decision had been made to turn on them and the oath of Capt. Wright. I can scarcely forbear to criticise that portion of the order which alleges that "the *petitioner* is under arrest," and only do so because it is *necessary* to say that it betrays the *very error* under which the bench labored in the case. I felt sure that if our Federal Executive, who has self acquired learning enough to make a *wise Judge, anyhow*, had been hearing the case, he would quickly have *discriminated*, and said that "his Habeas Corpus Suspension Proclamation was not intended in its letter or spirit, to discriminate against parents, guardians or masters who have a legal (*query*, if not indefeasable also,) right or interest in the custody of their minors." That the Court did not so *discriminate*, also, was the unfortunate error. In the case before Judge McCandless His Honor put the whole case upon the high and *sacred* ground of *right*, and Festus-ian reason, "that he had committed nothing worthy of" the loss of his minor son's custody, and that there was no "certain thing" alleged against the parent's right. Judge Ritchie, in Heasley's case, kindly intended to give counsel satisfaction by declaring that the order rested upon a concurrence in opinion among all the Judges of the Common Pleas Bench.

It was admitted in Riddle's case, heard by Judge Adams alone, that the writ had been served on Captain Wright in abundantly sufficient time to have enabled him to have recalled him from the Railroad car depot, and afford the relator his hearing. In justice to Captain Wright, however, he explained on oath that in military phrase, he (Riddle,) had been "turned over" to Major Daily or Bailey, and so was in the Major's custody when the writ was served. In justice also to the relators it should be observed that, though Captain Wright in his return to the writ in Heasley's case claims to have appeared "voluntarily," yet it is susceptible of proof that the writ was "served" in both cases, alike in all respects as to time and material circumstances. It was offered to be proved by Deputy Sheriff Griffin, who served the writs, (I think in both cases) that Captain Wright remarked, not that Riddle had passed out of his custody—but that, according to the decision of Judge Ritchie, in Heasley's case he "had sent him off to his regiment as a deserter or straggler, under bayonet." When it is seen that we thus have in our midst *Judges other* than those of our own choice, and who, as my friend Tom Williams says, have that "respect for authority" which is "proverbial with the profession," it is a pity the authority quoted should be so bad and at fault. As the decision of Judge McCandless is flatly opposed to that of Judge Ritchie, I presume the military custodians of infant humanity will, in future, *at least*, alternate and see-saw, scrape and bow to each, in *fair* proportion. What they used to effect through Scan. Mag. Now is accomplished full well by dint of the gag. Thus menace and force, duress and brag,

Hurl *contempt* at *the law* as a withered old hag.
Oh! Tempora! O! Mores! It reminds one of Dean Swift's lines to Gay,

"When *greedy a'been* once has thrown
His snot into the mess—*'tis all his own.*"

When complaining to the Court on the hearing in Riddle's case, as I had a right to do, when calling its attention to the insult put upon its honor and dignity by the non-production of Riddle, with a view to have it act punitively against Captain Wright, as one *clearly* in contempt, I took occasion to denounce his removal as a piece of deliberate, contrived and plotted kidnapping or white-man stealing, because, as a gentleman of intelligence, Captain Wright, who is otherwise "the right man in the right place," knew himself, and was fully and fairly advised by me, that I only asked as a right, belonging to the citizen relators, that the writs should be heard on their *legal* merits and we would be holden cheerfully to the result, if adverse.—Whereas, it may be seen, by this frank and true statement of the facts, that, as I complained to the Court, the case did, by way of illustration, go off, and run about parallel with that of the man who, demanding a letter at the post office, and paying the clerk one postage, simply read the address and threw his letter into the fire. If, as Milton says, "we may compare great things with small," you may consider (the relators would do so) the *cost of the writs* to be represented by *postage* and "return" of them by *address*, and you have my idea.

It will not be understood that I write from any feeling, personal to myself in the matter—nor from any want of all proper respect for the gentlemen named in the communication. They are all men who, by character, deservedly command general esteem, and I have not intended anywhere to cast a hurtful reflection on any one of them, my whole design being to caution all citizens, placemen and private men, that the value of civil rights is inestimable, and can be preserved only by the vigilant co-operation of all. As it is not my way to do anything in a corner, I desire you, if you think this worthy of publication, to insert it over my signature.

J. C. P. SMITH.

P. S. I but glanced at the report of the case before his Honor Judge McCandless, in the *Dispatch* of this date, and have it not before me at this writing—but before dismissing the subject I would ask the attention of the profession to the *alternative* form of the charge made against Heasley in the return of Captain Wright. Would a sheriff or a jailor be allowed to return answer to a writ, that he held the body in custody on an information and commitment charging him with murder *or* justifiable homicide? The latter is no crime, nor, according to Judge McCandless, is the desertion *or* straggling of a *minor* in obedience to the parents wish or command a "military offence triable by a military tribunal." Desertion to the enemy is treason to the cause, and punishable with death. One Jenkins, a private, was given by the order of Gen. McClellan, the benefit of an *intention* so to do near Alexandria, and shot on his coffin. Simple desertion, by military law, may assume equal gravity in the view of a court martial and be punished in their discretion, with death also. But straggling is among the minor, if not the lowest in grade of military offences, and to couple it with desertion, is like coupling assault with treason. But the desperate *animus* of the government against Heasley crops out in Captain Wright's easily coined charge of the serious military offence of "desertion" against Heasley. Straggling has frequently become so *common* as to elicit general orders on the subject from the commander-in-chief. "Desertion or straggling" appears to me to be over-descriptive, and betrays something like an emulous martial resolution to secure the victory, *by all means*, a sort of *dragnet*, from whose meshes the maker designed the fry should not escape. As for "desertion"—had that been the *single* charge—it is disposed of with singular legal acumen in the reported decision of Judge McCandless.

J. C. P. S.

What Will "Demoralize" the Rebellion.

The Richmond *Enquirer* says:

The recent success of the conservative sentiment of the North (for it is a misnomer to speak of it as a Democratic or party triumph,) in obtaining control of the next federal Congress, is probably too partial to bring about any reform in the mode and spirit of hostilities on the part of the North. Congress may be able to exert but a limited control upon the executive in this particular. But, to the extent that wise and elevated measures shall be infused into the management of the war, the Southern cause will suffer from the accession of conservative men to influence in the government. A vigorous prosecution of the war, coupled with a constitutional administration of the federal government, attended by conciliatory words, and appeals for harmony and good feeling, would demoralize the Southern cause more than all the rant and incendiarism, malignity and brutality and knavery that have characterized the proceedings of the radicals.

The President's Proclamation.

In an article on the Emancipation Proclamation of the President, the Louisville *Journal* of Saturday last says:

"The policy announced in the Proclamation not merely violates the Constitution, but assumes a principle *which abolishes the Constitution altogether*, and substitutes therefor the uncontrolled will of the President. President Lincoln, as we feel assured, could not have been conscious of this fact when he consented to issue the proclamation, but the fact is nevertheless true. We, several days ago, demonstrated that the proclamation is not legitimately an act of military necessity. We need not now repeat this demonstration. No man both sane and intelligent will gainsay the conclusion. If, however, the proclamation is not legimately an act of military necessity, it must depend, for justification, on the broad principle that the President has a right to do whatever in his discretion may best preserve the nation, regardless of the Constitution and the laws. And this is, in fact, the principle on which the radicals seek to justify the proclamation. Yet what is this principle but the principle of a *dictatorship?* Nothing less. It is the principle of a dictatorship of the most absolute description. It clothes the President with an authority more absolute than that of Cincinnatus. It clothes him with an authority as absolute as that of Cesar or of Sylla. In plain terms, it makes his uncontrolled will the supreme law of the land. There is no possible escape from this conclusion."

Millionaires in Paris.

Since the magnificent new boulevards have been opened, and new palaces have sprung up under the *debris* of old Paris it seems as though the French metropolis were about to become the home of the worlds millionaires. In addition to the princely hotels of the Lafittes, Rothchilds, Foulds, and Demidoffs, others are being built, for Brazilians, Peruvians, and Mexicans—the only Americans in high favor abroad, since we have fallen to cutting each other's throats—which must cost fabulous sums. Lucky Brazilians! Lucky Peruvians! Lucky mongrels and half-breeds!

The greater part of the hotels on the Boulevard de Monceau are let to Russians, who greatly aid in keeping up the enormous rents of Paris houses by paying anything the landlords choose to ask. One of them is a baron, who sometimes displays his wealth driving a carriage drawn by six horses at Chantilly, which may probably force the Emperor to have his equipage drawn by eight, as Count de Riancourt and Mr. Livingstone made him abandon four for six. Another, who possesses large tracts in the fertile districts of the Don, has the table in his servants hall furnished with plate and fine porcelain.

Only Obey the Law as far as Convenient.

The President of the United States has written a letter to General Grant, Governor Johnson and others exercising authority in Tennessee, in which he commends to their consideration one Thomas R. Smith who goes to that State for the purpose of inducing it to elect members of Congress. Lincoln says:

"I shall be glad for you, and each of you, to aid him, and all others acting for this object, as much as possible. In all available ways give the people a chance to express their wishes at these elections.—Follow law and forms of law as far as convenient, but at all events get the expression of the largest number of the people possible. All see how much such action will connect with and after the proclamation of September 22. Of course the men selected should be gentlemen of character, willing to swear to support the Constitution as of old, and known to be above reasonable suspicion of duplicity.

"Yours, very Respectfully,

[Signed] "A. LINCOLN."

Mark the expression, "Follow law and forms of law as far as convenient." In the estimation of the President, whenever law is inconvenient it should not be followed. What a beautiful doctrine to be preached by a man whose duty it is to execute the laws! Certainly the President must be crazy, or he would not advise his officers to obey the laws only when it was "*convenient*" to them. A nice man the President is to compel others to obey laws, when he only regards them when they are convenient.—*Cin. Enq.*

"Only a few Thousand."

In the apotheosis of fifteen-inch guns and litany of battle and murder which the irreverend Mr. Beecher delivered to his hilarous audience on Thanksgiving Day as a sermon drawn from the Gospel of Peace, that purloiner of the prophets and perverter of the Psalms, commenting upon the losses of our army by disease, exclaimed: "It is true that few have fallen this year, but how few!" The brutal recklessness of human life unconsciously revealed in this jocund ejaculation is happily illustrated by the just published report of the adjutant general, which gives us the frightful number of over one hundred thousand men as now living in the hospitals. If we strike from this aggregate the total of those wounded in battle, the difference would probably be made up again at once by the scattered victims of disease contracted in the field and in the camp, who are now wearing their sad lives away, helpless and suffering, in the homes which looked to them, two short years ago, for help and cheer and strength.

Running our computation back from this actual aggregate through the proportional probabilities of disease and death, as indicated by this report, and verified from other sources in the last year's history of our armies, we shall find that the number of the men over whose graves this clerical moutebank executed his jubilant fandango is fully equal to that of the whole living male population of the city in which he dwells. "How few they are!" This comfortable shout—with a rhetorical flourish over the tomb of a major-general as the one loss really worth his while to mention—is the only epitaph which this clerical drum-major rolls out from his pulpit for myriads of brave and loyal Americans sacrificed in a war precipitated by the madness of such as he, and protracted by the sordid incapacity of men whom such as he have helped to hoist into power only that they might thereafter stun them into a more than natural imbecility.

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