

LETTER OF J. WILKES BOOTH.

The following verbatim copy of a letter in writing which is the handwriting of John Wilkes Booth, the murderer of President Lincoln, has been furnished us by the Hon. Wm. Millard, United States Marshal of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania...

The inclosure was preserved by the family without suspicion of its nature. After the afflicting information of the assassination of the President, which came upon the family of Mr. Clarke with crushing force, it was considered proper to open the envelope...

My DEAR SIR:—You may use this as you think best. But as some may wish to know when, who, and why, and as I know not how to direct, I give it in the words of your master...

I have ever held the South to be right. The very nomination of Abraham Lincoln four years ago, spoke plainly, war—war upon Southern rights and institutions...

But Lincoln's policy is only preparing the way for their total annihilation. The South are not, nor have they been fighting for the continuance of Slavery...

virtue of the whole Republican party— Strange transmigration!

I thought then, as now, that the Abolitionists were the only traitors in the land, and that the entire party deserved the same fate of poor old Brown...

I have also studied hard to discover upon what grounds the right of a State to secede has been denied, when our very name United States, and the Declaration of Independence, both provide for Secession...

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Official Order of Sherman. FORTRESS MONROE, April 22. The following important order of Gen. Sherman was received here this morning...

The cavalry will patrol the front of the line, Gen. Howard will take charge of the districts from Raleigh to the left of Raleigh, Gen. Schofield in Raleigh, its right and rear...

There are now 913 National banks in the country. Many State institutions are constantly making applications to be included among the number.

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Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable.—D. Webster.

An Observer, in the Herald of last week, suggests that it was us and others of similar sentiments to which he referred, as being so exceedingly jubilant over the success of our arms...

Johnson's Policy. For some weeks past there seemed to be a growing conviction that the rebel leaders, even, would be permitted to return to their former allegiance without molestation...

We have always been glad to receive communications from our friends in the army. They are always read with interest by all. We have, therefore, handed such publications over to the printer, sometimes without much examination...

Let him who thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. In other words, it is better to look closely after our own foundation for faith than to be over-anxious about other people's uprightness and moral status...

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COMMUNICATIONS.

For the American Citizen.

To Teachers.

The form of certificate recently issued by the School Department, requires the County Superintendent to certify to the good moral character of those to whom certificates are issued...

I am aware that however grandly marials may write and speak the honors due to age—the glory of gray hairs and ripe old age—yet there is a natural inclination among all animals...

The exchange of prisoners was intercepted in August, 1863, in consequence of the bad faith practiced by the rebels, in relation to the Vicksburg and Port Hudson prisoners...

Now, I may be old—that is, comparatively—and I may as well admit—my tunic looks dingy and wrinkled—tardy and dirty. But am I to blame? Where are my keepers, or what they call Trustees...

Col. Straight was foiled in an attempt to make his escape in January, 1864, and as a reward for his show of spirit, was placed in a dungeon, in the truest and fullest sense...

A Lieut. of an Indiana regiment was re-captured and taken to Augusta, Ga. Here he was stripped of a good suit of clothing, and given an old suit of gray...

where the enlisted men had preceded us.

Our "Southern brethren" here gave us the finest exhibition of humanity we had yet witnessed. Thirty-three thousand men were confined on eighteen acres of ground...

I have seen officers and men of our army shot down like dogs—torn to pieces by bloodhounds. Sixty of them crowded into a cattle car, for a long journey...

Another feature. Last August "Johnny" wanted me. He was then willing to exchange man for man, for humanity's sake...

The same spirit carried them out of the Union, but, thank God, it will bring them a sound thrashing, knock the fetters from the slave, and give every man South equal rights...

The Bear Creek Railroad. The act chartering the Bear Creek Railroad Company passed at the last session of the legislature...

Lieut. Moran, captured at Gettysburg, had in his possession a piece of shell, which killed his brother; that he wished to retain, but, during his search, the gallant Dick (?) discovered it...

The Bear Creek Railroad is to commence at a point between a little village on the Pittsburgh and Erie Railroad, called Sharpshooter, and Greenville...

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