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hospitably treated by the inhabitants and the cotton States, as well as Fortress Monremain in unmolested possession of the roe, their absurd inadequacy to the object forts, was gratified to learn a short time would have exhibited weakness instead of thereafter, that South Carolina was equal- strength. It would have provoked inly intent on preserving the peace. On stead of preventing a collision. It would December 8, 1860, four of the represent have precipitated a civil war with the cottatives in Congress from that State sought | ton States without the slightest preparaan interview, and held a conversation with tion on the part of Congress, and would im concerning the best means of avoiding a hostile collision between the parties. ing hopes of compromise. Worse than In order to guard against any misappre- all, it would have exasperated Virginia hension on either side, he suggested that and the other border States, then so in they had best reduce their verbal commu-nication to writing, and bring it to him in that form. Accordingly on December 10 tile action. they delivered to him a note dated on the previous day, and signed by five members, in which they say: "In compliance with our statement to you yesterday, we now

express our strong convictions that neither the constituted authorities. nor any body of the people of the state of South Carolina, will either attack or molest the United States forts in the harbor of Charleston, previously to the action of the convention ; and we hope and believe not until an offer has been made, through an accredited representative, to negotiate for an amicaole arrangement of all matters between the State and the Federal government, provided no reinforcements be sent into these forts, and their relative military sta-H. R., vol. vi., No. 96, p. 9, &c.) Both'in this and in their previous conversation, nevertheless expressed the confident belief that they would be sustained both by the State authorities and the Convention, after it should assemble. Although the President considered this declaration as nothing more than the act of five respectable members of the House from South Carolins, yet he welcomed it as a happy omen, that by means of their influence collision might be prevented, and time afforded to all parties for reflection and for a peaceable adjustment. From abundant caution, however, he objected to the word "provided," in their statement, lest if he ossibly should accept it without remark, this might baconstrued into an agreement on his part not to reinforce the forts .--Such an agreement, he informed them, he would never make. It would be impossible for him, from the nature of his official responsibility thus to tie his own hands and restrain his own freedom of action .---Still they might have observed from his message, that he had no present design, under existing circumstances, to change the condition of the forts at Charleston. He must, notwithstanding, be left entirely free to exercise his own discretion; according to exigencies as they might arise. They replied that nothing was further

from their intention than such a construc-tion of this word ; they did not so understand it, and he should not so consider it. GENERAL SCOTT AGAIN RECOMMENDS GARRISON-

ING THE FORTS.

It was at this moment. on the 15th De cember, 1860, after the President's policy had been fixed and announced in his apnual message; after the Brooklyn had been made ready to go to the relief of Major Anderson in case of need; after he the neighboring garrison of Fortress Mon- &c., of which we shall often hereafter have of the men thus wrongfully imprisoned. occasion to speak. It is scarcely a lack of charity to infer that Gen. Scott knew at the

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it he was far from evincing the slip apprehension of danger.

throughout his long progress in the same

carriage with the late President, both on

the way to the Capitol and the return from

Had the President attempted to disto disturb the status quo at Charleston so tribute the General's thousand men, as he long as our troops should continue to be have precipitated a civil war with the cotat once have destroyed the then prevailtent on remaining in the Union, and might have driven them at once into hos-

|Here follows a scorching analysis of Gen. Scott's report to President Lincoln, charging Mr. Buchanan with complicity with the rebellion, in which the ex-President distinctly proves the General to have been in sympathy with the South at the start, and convicts him of either having a very poor memory, or of being a willful falsifier. The way in which he whittles down the pompous old General is fearful to witness.

THE EXAMPLE OF GENERAL JACKSON-WHY IN-APPLICABLE. And here it is due to Gen. Scott to men-

tion that on the evening of their interview, (15th December), he addressed a note to President Buchanan, reminding him that Gen. Jackson during the period of South Carolina nullification, had sent reinforcements to Fort Moultrie to prevent its seizure by the nullifiers and to enforce the collection of the revenue.--This example was doubtless suggested for imitation. But the times had greatly changed during more than a quarter of a century which had since elapsed. In 1833 South Carolina stood alone. She had then the sympathy of no other Southern State. Her nullification was condemned by them all. Even her own people were almost equally divided on the question. But in-stead of this, in December, 1860, they were unanimous, and the other cotton States were preparing to follow her into secession, should their rights in the Territories be denied by Congress. Besides, the President had already declared his purpose to collect the revenue by the employment of vessels of war, stationed outide of the port of Charleston, whenever its collection at the custom house should be resisted. He hoped thereby to avoid actual collision; but, whether or not, he had resolved at every hazard to collect the revenue. Such was the state of affairs on the 15th of December, 1860. Meanwhile the forts and other public property were unmolested, and Major Anderson and his troops continued to be supplied and treated in the kindest manner.

Mr. Schade, counsel of the late Captain Wirtz, has received an affidavit from Mrs. Wirtz in due legal form, denying as altogether false the story that she attempted to convey poison to the mouth of her husband while kissing him, and that Wirtz was prevented from swallowing the drug by the prompt intervention of Gen. Baker. Frequent opportunities occurred in her private interviews with her husband for the perpetration of such a crime had she been so wicked as to meditate it.

One of those instances where innocent parties have been made to suffer from convictwo murderers under sentence of death have

confessed that they were the guilty parties in

Camel's hair shawls constitute the latest ment of the forts, in case of need, the (on the 15th December) that it must be Secretary of War dispatched Assistant rejected.