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Internal Taxation. The entire applicability and pertinency to the subject matter discussed, is expounded for copying in full.

There is some prospect, it seems, of a Commission being sent to Europe, to inquire into the various modes and principles upon which national taxation is levied there.

Until the war began, in 1861, the United States scarcely knew anything of direct taxation. Sufficient money for liberal national expenditure was raised by the customs duties, by the sale of public lands, and by the sale of the public lands.

Grant's Forward Movement. There seems to be unnecessary feeling about the assumed failure of Grant's forward movement. There is no evidence that the contemplated general movement at this time.

HASTINGS' REVENUES.—We go here with everything which has transpired officially in the case of Major Hastings, since the introduction of the subject in the House of Representatives by Mr. DAVIS.

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public of performing all the duties of Collector of Customs in New York, it may be questioned whether four Collectors of Internal Revenue are necessary in Philadelphia.

Whether our system of national taxation is unworkable, no doubt considerable alterations will be made in this respect. To a large staff of tax collectors, too highly paid, is not to be commended.

If possible, the money raised by customs and internal taxation should rather come from a great fund than from many insignificant articles of consumption.

THE DEVELOPMENTS IN NEW YORK show how that city and State have heretofore filled their quotas.

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THE PEACE CONFERENCE. MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT. His Account of the Events that Led to the Meeting.

Letters of the Rebel Commissioners and Mr. Davis. Grant instructed that the Conference must not delay the War.

THE PRESIDENT THEN CONSENTS TO THE CONFERENCE. THE MEETING AND ITS RESULTS. SEWARD'S REPORT OF THE INTERVIEW.

The Rebels Suggest a Combined Act of both Armies to Enforce the Monroe Doctrine.

To the Hon. the House of Representatives. In response to your resolution of the 8th instant, requesting information in relation to a conference recently held in Hampton Roads.

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War Department, Washington, D. C. 10 A. M., Jan. 30, 1865. Major General E. O. C. Ord, Headquarters Army of the James.

By direction of the President you are instructed to inform the three gentlemen, Messrs. Stephens, Hunter, and Campbell, that a messenger will be dispatched to them at or near where they now are, without necessary delay.

Afterwards I prepared and put into the hands of Major Thomas T. Eckert the following instructions and message: Executive Mansion, Washington, Jan. 30, 1865.

Major T. Eckert, Sir.—You will proceed with the documents placed in your hands, and on reaching General Ord will deliver him the letter addressed to him by the Secretary of War.

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The Conference not to Interfere with the War. On the day of its date the following telegram was sent to Gen. Grant.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1, 1865. Let nothing which is transpiring change, hinder, or delay your military movements or plans.

Afterwards the following despatch was received from Gen. Grant: Office U. S. Military Telegraph, War Department, Washington, D. C., Feb. 1, 1865.

On the morning of the 2d inst., the following telegrams were received by me respectively from the Secretary of State and Major Eckert.

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City Point, Va., Feb. 1, 10 P. M. His Excellency A. Lincoln, President United States.

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City Point, Va., Feb. 1, 1865. Major Eckert, Major and A. D. C. MAJOR: Your note, delivered by yourself this day has been considered.

Richmond, Jan. 28, 1865. In conformity with the letter of President Lincoln of which the foregoing is a copy, you are to proceed to Washington City for informal conference with him upon the issues involved in the existing war.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 1, 1865. The following telegram, received at Washington, 2:30 P. M., Feb. 1, 1865: From City Point, Feb. 1, 12:30 P. M. His Excellency A. Lincoln, President United States.

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