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 The long delay of of our army, atter; the Satele of Antietam, is much blamed, amopgthe ditlorial fraternity. Men $\overline{\text { Who }}$ live in
 waited oan daily, by wives, wauth thetes, and
 ally blame the Geperals; but they kion bew well
that the delay of the Generals is in merce co. hae men. The army of the Potomac
composed, parkly of veterane who, in the


 monts to furroish the needed dupplies And
this work, done, an advance is immediatels
commenceld,
of conjecture. Letter writers yell of planes
and purposes, tutitheir prediotions are buit
 them, It may ;be thet Gen, M'Glellan,
witht the anmy of the Potome, will on-
deavor to drive the deavor to drive the enemy before hime to
Stainton, or Gordonsilie, and thence to
Plichmond. But if this is , ione, or at-
tampted, it will be, as seems to ns, rather to public olamor than as the outgoing
millthary wisdon. To apture alarge army in adi open "ountify, and oommanided by ai there are no inimpassable barriers. There are
movithatus didd rivers, but they are no in pediment, but rather a beneft to the eniedjo
as thing are. They afford to him place
of defence, and, the meaps, of retarding his pursuers. Gen. Lee is too wise and cau-
tious à man to allow himself to bo hemmed up in a $a$ oountry whith he well knows, an
where the people are bis friends ;or to give where the people are his frieads; or to giv
battle, unless he has the adidnatage of pos
tion:. And the farther he retreatus, if he dily Carefiti, theiestronger he gets; and $t$ farther our army pursues, the weaker
beoomes, becuase of the growing distan
from the basis of sapilias; and the n nexions. .
The best way to reach Riohonond, and
eripple the foe, we still consider to be the oripple the foe, we still consider to be
Peninsula. WFe should hence not be at



 conld surely oleare the formes, and oapture
ooiperate with the land for
Riohmond. That place in our haidds, with
 would be no need then to weayy out and Stauitot," and Gordonstille." Richmond
having fallen; no large army conld abide in

 the array may, before the irun-olads are
ready, ndvance to Gordoniville, To popsess,
and hold that place would be of great import.
 quite starve outi an army at Richmond
But to do all thit would trequire too miding
men. Wo are fully of the opinion that
 and aggressive on the James. And it is
postble-dven that the daféndive would be the wisest plai on the whole Virginia
frontier With our iron-clads, "urr gin
boats, doo, and 100,00 men (we might spare 2000,000 , after all the leveies are in,
the mouth, of the Cape Fear river, Charles. Con, Mobile, -Every important -harbor- and
 ships and muititions of wari, be rendered of
no avail. Then the regidue of the war
would be ensy Weghave now indulged io some ognjiget ing or fualt-finding. Those apon whom
reste the responsibility of oonduating af fairs, have better judyments oondaoting af than we, and
a thousand times, more krowledge of the
situation. Our busisitess is
 peots, honor, and patriotisis, are ane all con.
cetined in prosectiting the
diest, safest, and most effective manner;
and to theu we defer.
In Kenvucky things are assuming a diest, saftest, and most effective manner,
and to thean we defer.
In Kenvecry things are assuming a
peaceful forrn. The most of the rebel army
has left the State, without any serious
fighting eince the battle at Perrysille.



 aminister." Mark-the querist does not
say that the minitiser is patsor of the con-
greation over which the Session wole






