

We have secured for you the use for a few days of the following named papers from Mr. F. W. Kerchner, a lieutenant of one of our military companies. These were taken from Brown's house by himself, and he allows us the use of them, only on condition, that they will be safely returned to him, which we have promised, and which, we hope, you will enable us to faithfully carry out by returning them to this office as soon as you may have done with them. It may be proper to state that these papers were secured together by Kerchner, with a view to their preservation—they consist of—

Four pages of the life of "Old Brown."

A printed circular—"The duty of the Soldier, No. 1."

Letter signed O. S., to "Brother and Sister," dated at Chambersburg.

Receipt from Charles Blair to John Brown for \$150—on account.

Letter to J. H. Kagi—dated Aug. 16th, 1858.

Letter to John Brown from Gerritt Smith, June 8, 1859.

Receipt to E. A. Adams from Orion Phelps for \$700.

A printed blank officer's commission.

A letter from A. Wattles, dated Moneka, K. T., March 29, '59.

A letter to John Brown from J. R. Giddings, May 26, 1856.

A letter to Brown from Fred. Douglass.

Receipt to J. Brown from W. & L. E. Gurley for a compass, June 7, 1859.

A letter to Brown from Charles Blair.

Your particular attention to the preservation and safe return to me of the above enumerated papers will much oblige,

Yours, very respectfully, &c.,

W. P. SMITH,

M. of T.

Baltimore, Oct. 25, 1859.

His Excellency,

*Henry A. Wise,*

Governor of Virginia,

Richmond, Va.

*Dear Sir:*—In compliance with your request, expressed to the President of this Company, we have this day transmitted a number of letters and other papers, bearing upon the re-