THE ARMOURER OF MUNSTER. A PAGE FROM THE HISTORY OF FANATICISM. (Continued.)

his marriage with the two sisters. The triple playfulness of her natural character. It was im- neetly, as he gave to each man the holy bread. ceremony was to take place at sunset; and Franz possible that, thus thrown together by circum- Hanslein and Franz alone held back, and took no

doubts and apprehensions. the Chamberlain Kreutzner.

hopes upon the altar!" turned Franz, angrily; "you have nothing to do to think, perhaps somewhat vaguely at first, that still, mute and fascinated by each other's glances. but go about masquing and mouthing through this tender and gentle creature was even more A painter's ideal of womanly heauty—the angel the streets. 'Tis not so with me; I am but a poor levely than the radiant and imperious Elise.- form of a paet's dream-faded before the soft, armourer; I have no time for holyday-making. Having arrived at this point, it is unnecessary to warm, living heauty of Gertrude. The witchery Therefore be short, and come to the point at speculate upon the further progress of the revolu- and profound passion expressed in her eyes pro-

"You are pleasant with our sacred, brother," heart. replied the dwarf, in a tone of mockery that rang

you honestly." plied Taiskoschirer, his voice breaking louder and sions in the face of the great iniquity, both the straight into the eyes of Franz. It was a look louder into a yell of triumph. "Not thy answer, | Catholic and Lutheran parties united heart and | pregnant with meaning; it conveyed a conflict of

morning woord for our king, that she may become ed by John Frederick, the Protestant Elector of "Franz! remember who she is-the favourite his third consort and Queen of Zion!"

gaze, upon the door of the apartment.

chirer, "to commune with her own thoughts, and prompt and remarkable foresight, they had antici- which escaped from the lips of Franz were drowned) seek counsel of the Spirit. When she comes forth, puted the likelihood of such a league, and put the in the deep notes pealed forth by the fanatic choir.

we shall learn her determination." not believe it. You have practised on her. Love | sepect, which the besiegers were little prepared to has bound us too closely together. She cannot- encounter. The fanatical garrison also displayed \ she will not—abandon me!"

joined the dwarf. lently from his stupor; "I charge you, on your | storm the place would be fruitless, and might cost \ precious life-if anything so wretched can be pre- him a serious loss beyond his power to repair. cious-to utter not a syllable of threat or persua- attempt to gain an entrance into the town b

how she will deal with your infamous mission. Johannes, Count Oberstein had recourse to the and another for six—one being from each Con-Hush! she comes!" appeared on the threshold, arrayed in the robes off, famine would soon drive the dense population which had been sent by the king to deck his cho- to surrendered at discretion. As he could not re-

ing folds round her graceful form; a zone of gems into submission. encircled her waist, and amidst the braids of her black hair gleamed out with starry brilliancy a | the exigency or the excitement of the passing mocoronal of diamonds. Her attire was an answer ment, saw these movements with indifference, to the doubts of all present.

her proffered hand.

Elise, gravely, a dark shadow passing slowly over | ing. The mob described their demagogue prophets; her face; "lead me to my consort and my king!" and their murmurings, deep, though not loud, ) "Elise!" said the despairing lover, his wound- might be heard in every alley and shed within ed pride and his deep and harrowing sense of the walls. Openly to repine none dared, for the wrong giving an accent of reproach to his voice. king, with ferocious despotism, had struck down h

was white. ing," she answered, but as she spoke her resolu- thing should be done; and Johannes, indisposed | 66th article of the code of public general laws, retion slightly faltered, and the words trembled in | to follow the example of his predecessor Matthias, | lating to negroes and mulattocs, was passed.

the utterance. madness has struck down all love between us. blend with his larger cheat; for it had become leaving it, etc. But for your own sake, not for mine-I am poor, essential to his security to rid himself of certain and have nothing to offer you-think of the vows | prophets who had latterly attempted to play Samyou are about to violate. You are my bride in | ucl to his Saul. the sight of God-my promised wife. No, no, To attain both these ends by a single effort, he

as Elise. If reason or justice could have reached effect. her, it would not have needed such arguments as these to draw her back from her course. But Long, loud, and wild rang the echoes of the pride and self-will held tyrannical power over trumpet through the streets of the imperial free length, and referred to the committee on claims her actions, and her natural obstinacy only ac- city. Hanslein, in full armourer, dashed into the and mileage. quired fresh sternness from such un easonable re- forge of Meister Franz. monstrance. What she dared to do, she dared to | "How, comrade!" he cried, not yet armed! ju the joint resolution appointing a commissioner justify. Had Franz stood apart, and left her to Quick, for your life turn out, and your fellows, to Richmond, reported yesterday, and the resoluthe unrestrained exercise of her own will, she too, without a moment's delay! The whole contition was passed unanimously. might have relented at the sight of him, or post- gregation is called on the sudden together, and Mr. Gordon obtained leave to report a bill to poned the execution of her purpose, or in some sort, softened the agony she was inflicting upon him; but the interruption was fatal, and fixed her

haughty determination irrevocably. swered, with a lofty and commanding air, "sink | troop of prophets. The Seer Taiskoschirer has Mr. Wallis, from the committee on federal relainto insignificance before the great and important commanded the king to administer the holy sac- tions, offered a second order requesting the Govevents of the world's history. The king calls me rament at the Church in the great square, and to share his throne, and to soothe him amidst his then to send forth apostles to the four corners of cares and toils. Farewell!"

woman!" cried Franz. her eyes for an instant. Even in such women force Count Oberstein to mise the seige, we must there is sometimes a fugitive touch of human feel- capitulate or die of starvation in the streets-an

ing. For an instant she stood hesitating, with alternative which, for my own part, I am not | C' half extended hand. "Franz!" she exclaimed. Franz rushed forward; the sweet voice in which she uttered his the city," said Franz. name gave him renewed hope. He believed that "Brave words!" replied Hanslein; "but as we

when I am mated on the throne of Zion. You ger is beginning to make featful ravages amongst shall be the most favoured of my subjects." Her figure rose to its magestic height as she want takes the ghastly shape of famine, we may delivered these words, then taking the arm of calculate to an hour the date of our capitulation. the chamberlain, without one backward glance, The first absolute fast-day souls the doom of Mun-

she left her home forever. koschirer with undissembled triumph, as, looking | tions this evening, to try if I can find out some scornfully at the deserted lover, he followed his loophole where I can effect my escape. Now

tance. She was gone. Franz, bursting into tears—the scalding tears of you to try your chances with me. A good rat

hopeless grief and powerless rage. XIX.—THE GATHERING OF THE STORM. | So my mind is easy on that point. By heavens !

was changed. He was no longer the betrothed | that I cannot help speculating on the probability | of her sister, and it had now become impossible of finding my own amongst them some fine mornto avail herself of the legal protection he had so ing." readily promised to afford her. At her carnest | The place before the cathedral of St. Lambert request, therefore, the marriage ceremony was was decorated with arches of green boughs. Serand more from day to day.

The presence of Franz in Klara's lonely house king suddenly appeared. He were no royal attire created no scandal. There was too much corrup- and had assumed a solemn dignity of deportment, tion abroad for such a circumstance to excite ob- which accorded well with his dark and priestly servation or reproach. They lived together in robe. He pronounced a short and fervent prayer, the affectionate intercourse of brother and sister. and then, signing to the people to eat, he retired. ap 22 41m

The berearement Franz had suffered made Klara | The repast was begun. It was a scene of voranecessary to his life. She sustained him by the gentleness and sweetness of her patient disposition. Her tenderness consoled him for the loss with alacrity. For several days the garrison had of Elise, although it could not supply the void .- endured severe privation, if not actual famine, and

mer was now darkening into autumn, and they bles were cleared. still continued together, gradually recurering the elasticity of their spirits, and resuming their ordi-

hastened home with a light heart, confident at stances which affected each alike, they should not part in the ceremony. least that a few hours would put an end to his become insensibly dearer to each other. But the While these solemnities were going forward, the love which Klara felt for Franz was so veiled in first queen, Gertrude, the beautiful widow of Mal-But as he approached the house all his joyful its offices of devotion by innocence and modesty, thias, and now the wife of Johannes, advanced anticipations gave way to surprise and alarm. that he no longer entertained the suspicion which into the colonnade. She was dressed in a robe of Twelve Trabants in their well-known liveries, sat had on former occasions presented itself to his white linen, and in her right hand she bore the IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE LATEST NEWS on their large horses before the door of his house, mind, and he was now firmly convinced that she golden chalice containing the sacramental wine. and three of them held led horses, amongst which had never felt anything more for him than the The second and third queens followed her, bearing Franz recognized a milk-white palfrey, with trap- affection of a sister. This was the most danger- large golden flasks of wine to replenish the cup. pings of gold and velvet. Agitated by the most ous position in which he could be placed towards To each man she delivered the cup, repeating the violent emotion of terror and suspense, Franz flew her. It justified and hallowed the closest confi- words of the rite so fearfully descrated. into the hall, and there he found the dwarf and dence; and out of this grew an imperceptible At the commencement of the ceremony Franz flower of love, which slowly expanded over his had removed his morion. His brown hair fell in IN ADVANCE OF THE MORNING PAPERS "What is this?" be demanded, with breathless beart, and, unconsciously to himself, renewed a short thick curls down his neck, and his corslet

"No more of this," said the armourer. "What gathering over the ill-fated city. The cruelties words of the ritual, and, overwhelmed with agitais it you come here to demand of me? Put your and blasphemous abominations committed by the tion, hurried on to the next communicant. Her THE USUAL DEDUCTION MADE IN FAVOR question at once, and depend upon it I will answer | Anabaptists under the cloak of religious fervour, | cheeks were suffused with color, and her limbs had at last roused the wrath and rengeance of the visibly shook with emotion. "Your answer is not required, brother," re- whole of Germany. Burying their own dissen- Elise followed, and as she passed she looked brother, but that of the noble maiden, Elise, do hand to crush the devoted city of Munster. Theo- passions-rage, jealousy, remorse, reproach. But logical arguments and persuasive measures had Franz saw it not. He seemed almost unconscious ALL LETTERS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE "Elise!" exclaimed Franz, his eye-halls dilating failed with the deceivers and their dupes. There that she was there. Ilis whole thoughts were alas the horrible suspicion began to assume a dis- was no alternative left but the sword; and the sorved by that royal vision, which he still followsword was unsheathed, and all alike condemned ed with curious and passionate eyes. "We await the decision of that beauteous dam- to a common destruction. The Rhenish States | Hanslein seized his hand, and pulling him aside, sel," continued the dwarf, "whom we have this held a Congressat Coblentz, where they were join- and placing his mouth close to his ear, whispered Saxony. At this congress it was finally resolved | queen of Johannes. For God's sake be cautious | "Elisel" cried Franz, hoarsely; "Elise-Elise!" to assist the Bishop of Munster to the utmost, and even of your looks; the tyrant will brook no There was a tone of supplication in his voice, but to furnish him with all the aid in men and money rival." it was hoarse and faint, a shudder passed over his that might be required to subjugate the besieged. "Let him come," cried Franz; "the tyrant! ay, ) frame, and, staggering back a few paces, he seized | Three hundred horse and three thousand foot were | let him denounce me, and I will answer him to the back of a chair, against which he leaned for selected for the service from the best-equipped and his teeth. Has be not wronged and destroyed support, while his eyes were fixed, with a dull disciplined troops of the allied powers. To Count me? He possessed this crowning treasure of crea-Oberstein was committed the command of this tion, and could have chose from amidst all the

But, in the meanwhile, the prophet rulers of At this moment the whole congregation rose, walls and out-works of the city into a state of de-"No, no!" cried Franz; "it is too horrible. I do fensive strength, that they presented a formidable so much of the highest qualities of disciplined "She shall herself determine that," quietly re- troops, courage, watchfulness, and obsdience to | their leaders, that Count Oberstein was reductantly "One word," said Franz, rousing himself vio- | compelled to acknowledge that any attempt t surer plan of intercepting the convoys of provi-The door of the chamber flew open, and Elise sions, confident that, when the supplies were cut

sen bride. A square of silver tissue fell in glitter- | duce them by arms, he resolved to starve them | The mob, who never looked forward beyond. scarcely anticipating the consequences. But hun-"Hail to the Queen of Zion!" exclaimed the ger soon stared them grimly in the face, and the dwarf and the chamberlain, flinging themselves | public tables over which the king presided were ] deroutly on their knees before her, and kissing no longer supplied with a sufficiency of food. Their fanaticism, and with it their courage, be-"The Spirit hath spoken, and I obey!" said gan to sink beneath the pressure of physical suffer-

For a moment her brow contracted, and her lip all right of discussion amongst the once free and (turbulent citizens of Munster. But the emergency "Think—think!" said Franz; "think of your might supply the place of courage. He had also favorably on the bill of Mr. Jacobs to prohibit previous vows. You are free to go, Elise, if this a sinister scheme in view, which he intended to free negroes from returning to the State after

Elise! you cannot-you dare not leave me thus !" | devised a scheme which at least did much credit | This was not the way to address such a woman to his practically acquired knowledge of stage

XX.-THE LOVE FEAST.

woe to the man that absents himself!"

"Not quite so near as that," returned Hanslein; who was declared by the House of Delegates, on "I hope this thing will go off more peaceably than the 10th day of March, 1860, duly elected to said "The trivial interests of private life," she an- it looks. But there will be a great parade of the office, &c. Referred. the world; and I must confess there is some sense, "You never loved me, false, vain, perfidious in the latter proposal; for the prince-hishop has completely shut us up; and unless our brethren A sudden ray of remorseless tenderness filled without can be moved to come to our aid, and

particularly anxious to embrace." " ago long as the walls stand I fear nothing for t she had relented. But she quickly regained her cannot eat the walls, I do not see of what use self-command, and coiling herself up again for they can be to us, except to make a handsome | C the last effort, she added, "I shall not forget you sepulchre for the people. The fact is, Franz, hunus; and when hunger sickens into starvation, and

ster. I am so sure of this that, between ourselves, a opost thou repent now, brother?" cried Tais- I am determined to make a tour of the forthcamistress into the street. A moment more, and | don't put on that virtuous face. You have not the trampling of the horses died away in the distant the matter as I have seen it, in its shadow of coming horrors. I will wait here till the worst ! "Woman's love and woman's faith?" cried comes to the worst, and then—then I will ask U always contrives to find a hole to creep through. The situation of Klara was more anamolous I shall be glad to see the outside of this New Jeand distressing than ever. Her relation to Franz | rusalem. Thee so many throats cut every day,

indefinitely postponed. The rite of baptism was cral long tables, covered with snow-white cloths, also put off to a more convenient season, with a occupied the space enclosed within the green colhalf arowed misgiving on the part of Franz as to onnade. The king's Trabants, in their rich livery whether it should ever take place. For it was of green and gray, were even then serving up a 11. IMPORTERS OF GERMAN, FRENCH'S ENGLISH not to be denied that the scenes he had witnessed, substantial repast from the royal kitchens, and the and the profligate principles which were now daily garrison of Munster, to the number of four thou- Now. 6 and 8 SOUTH LIBERTY ST., near BALTIMORE ST., launched on the tide of popular frenzy, had sand men, fully armed with corslet and morion. greatly shaken his faith, and rendered it doubtful sword and matchlock, who had assembled here at 1,1 W. BENNETT & CO., whether he might not ultimately abandon it alto- | the command of the king, appeared to enter with | I'. gether. He secretly wavered on this point more a mighty zest into the prospect of a good dinner. In the midst of these agreeable preparations the

And time passed on and brought healing on its they therefore fell upon the viands with such right wings; and spring passed into summer, and sum- good-will that in an incredibly short time the ta-

"A strange banquet !" said Franz to Hanslein. "l'atience," cried llanslein; "something must Franz was early and rapid in his movements on | nary habits. Franz had combated earnestly with follow this prelude. I believe this is meant for a the next morning. By noon he had already re- his grief for the loss of a worthless woman, and love-feast, such as the old Christians used to hold!" turned from the house of the ex-Orator, now sought happiness in the society of Klara, who, no Presently the king appeared again. Upon this Lord-Chancellor Rothman, whom he had entreat- longer crushed by the haughty coldness of her occasion he was followed by two pages bearing coned to perform the ceremony of his haptism on that sister, and feeling too, that Franz was acquiring secrated bread upon golden plates? He passed slowvery day. Immediately after the haptismal rite, a new interest in her attachment, rapidly recover- ly along from table to table, and from man to man. that worthy minister had promised to solemnize lng the soft brilliancy of her beauty and the quiet "Take, eat, and preach the Gospel," he said ear-

sentiment which he had believed and still ima- displayed his noble figure in all its perfect sym-"Hail! hail!" cried the dwarf, without gined to be extinct. For the first time he began metry and manly grace. His check was flushed, heeding his questions; "thrice blessed art thou, to think Klara really heautiful, to discover a and his deep blue eyes were lighted up with a ORDERS FOR THE PAPER my brother! Thou art tried even as Abraham, subtle charm (which he had never seen before) in feverish brilliancy, for he knew that he should for thou art called upon to sacrifice thine heart's her blue eyes, and a singular grace in her slight once more see his faithless betrothed. The queen fairy figure (hitherto having so little power to af- approached. Franz raised his head; his eyes met It 'Tis gay pastime with you, my masters," re- feet his senses or his imagination;) and he began | those of Gertrude; for a moment they both stood | tion which was unconsciously taking place in his duced a tumult in the soul of Franz. Her hand I trembled as she handed him the cup; he received i While this tranquil happiness was reigning in | it, but his gaze was fixed upon her face so in- | their lowly home, the storm was darkening and tently and so wonderingly, that she forgot the

"It cannot be helped," whispered Kreutzner, body; and, as a further mark of confidence, the glowing beauties of Munster, and yet he bore from "be comforted, and hear it with dignity. Besides, prince-bishop appointed him general-in-chief over with a holy and inextinguishable hatred I" you know, you can claim recompense for your the whole of the besieging forces.

Munster had not been idle. Their energy was at and then, with one accord four thousand voices "She has entered her chamber," said Taiskos- least equal to their wickedness. Acting with joined in chanting the anthem. The anathemas

MARYLAND LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION. FREDERICE, May 3. SENATE.

EVENING SESSION .- The consideration of the "public safety bill was resumed. The first section was read, when an amendment proposing an election on the 13th of June of three IT WILL CONTAIN ALL THE LATEST NEWS cliersons—one from each Gubernatorial district, in the bill, was voted down. The only amendment adopted was one substituting the name of John H. B. Latrobe for that of Thomas Winans, who declined.

The Senate then adjourned till 3 o'clock. SECOND DESPATCH. FREDERICK, May 3-9 P. M.-The Senate still Continues in session, and now have under consideration the second section of the bill. There is but little probability that a final vote on it will be taken to-night, as its opponents express their determination to resist and delay its passage by levery effort of parliamentary tactics allowed by the rules of the Senate. The friends of the bill express their intention to sit all night, if neces-

LATER.-The Senate has adjourned, without any further action on the bill. HOUSE OF DELEGATES. The bill to vest in the Board of Police Commis-

sioners in Baltimore city the powers now rested "I wished to have spared you the pain of part- was pressing, and it was imperative that some- in a single magistrate and constable, under the determined to try how far jugglery and cunning | The committee on the judiciary reported un-

bills were recommitted to the judiciary committee. A joint resolution appropriating \$18 mileage, in addition to the usual mileage, to each member i and officer of both Houses from Baltimore city and (all the counties, excepting Washington and Alle-)

I gany, was passed. Mr. Maxwell reported a bill to pay sundry persons the expenses of summoning the Legislature, amounting to \$925; which was discussed at ]

The name of Outerbridge Horsey was inserted we to the man that absents himself I''

"Is the enemy at the gates?" demanded Franz. Comptroller of the Treasury of A. Lingan Jarret,

ernor to furnish the House, with as little delay as possible, a copy of his letter to which the letter of the Secctary of War of April 1st, 1861, already communicated, is a reply—which was adopted.

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tion, size and quality of materials and workmanship effered, and also with nativiacuory guarantees from the persons propused as sureties, that they will become trapusable, on sufficient bond for the due performance of the contract in our such proposals shall be accepted. The specimens or samples must be delivered at this Department on or before the first day of May next; and those which shall have accompanied the accepted proposals will, in continer. tion with such proposals form the built of the contracts to be made. Every specimen submitted should be well and distinctly to marked with the number denoting its size, and have allied to it a numple of the numericle (cantas or leather) of which it is made. All specimens deposited by biblions, which can with salety and couvenience, he used in the mail service, will be Juid for at the prives specified in the proposale relating to the Bilders will state the cartiest period at which they will be the to furnish supplies of the acticles lad for in the event of the

exertract being awarded to there, as it will have an important hearing upon the awards. But bels will not be entertained which the a period beyond the lat of July next, for the delivery of sup-A decision on the talls will be made on or before, the 10th day of May west, and the accepted builder or builders will be required to enter into contract with authorist boul or sureties on or hefunthe lated of July next. The number of the disterent kinds of mail lags which will probably be required has been esummed at 3.50) canvas much Loughes, 2,000 leather mail pouches, and 500 horse mail bage. but the Department reserves the right to increme or diminish the number of each size and quality according to the exigencies of the service without increase of cont for anight or delivery.

JOHN II REAGAN, Postsier General Confederate Rister of America DROPOSALS FOR PRINTING POSTOFFICE BLANKS AND PAPER FOR THE SAME. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT, Montcoulay, March Zin, 1461. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department | the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an importmatil the lat day of May next, until 12 M., for furnishing for the

Postoffices in the Considerate States for one your from and after the date of the contract, the following blanks, sir: Post Bills, 18 on a short. Malia received for delivery Mails wat Account of the waterests. Accounts current Account of prepoid printed matter. Signature post latte, 14 on a short. Malls received for distribution. Marts went from distributing editors

Distribution algusture past bills.

Distribution arrount current Account of matte rent by route agents. The attention of bidders is directed to the following proviabout of an Act approved 27th February, Itel, entitled an Act in relation to justile printing, fixing the maximum rates of compenation for tribing and parer, six Section 9. The Postmaster General shall contract for the pub-Heather of all post bills and other blacks connected with his office, not exceeding the following rates: For composition, in cluding rule and agure work, per 1 ton eme, fifty cents; for press work, per clean token, (the sheets not to be less than 16 by 26 inches,) fifty cruts; for paper, ten per cent, on actual cost. Nothing shall be allowed for altering the name of a Post. master on a sumt till, or other tlank, mor shall there be an wi ditional charge for composition when the mane of the postudice about is changed. But the Printer shall be required to keep always on hand forms for postoffice blanks, and when new orders are given, the charge shall be made only for the presswork and the jujes, and such new compaction as may be us-Pertion It provides that it shall be the duty of the superintendent of public printing done under contract with any Execu-

tire department, as to the quality of paper to be used, the character of type, and the general execution of the work; and also as to the time and order in which the same shall be completed. Specimens of the various kinds of blanks and quality of jujer muy be seen at this department, and also at the large junitifier Proposals will be received for the printing and paper sepa Trately, or for them possity. The contract will be awarded to the lowest and test buder, the best but to be determined after a careful examination, for the purpose of accertaining which bid ) will in its practical results be roost advantageous to the depart. Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for, in the event . be contract tering awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained which he a period beyond the let July next for the delivery t Namples of the style of printing and of paper must accompany em h proposal, and each bidler must turnish with his proposal

explence of his ability to comply with his bid. Nufferient sureties will be required to a contract, and t blittle are to be delivered at the department at the expense the contractor. If the contract for paper be awarded separately from the contract for printing, the party no contracting will be required t deliver the juger to the contractor for the printing, withou Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the envelowith "Proposals for printing Postoffice blanks, and paper the same," and addressed to the Chief of the Appaintment Bu-JOHN H. REAGAN, renu, Montgomery, Alabama. Postmater General. TWINE AND SEALING WAX. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Montgoment, March 27th, 1861. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until the lat day of May next, at 12 o'clock, M., for furnishing WRAPPING PAPER, TWINE and SEALING WAX for the use of the Post Others of the Confederate States, for four years ; from and after the date of the execution of the contract. The nabl arthries are to be delivered, free of expense, at this Depurtment. The estimated quantity of each article, and the quality thereof, required yearly, is as follows: 2.200 reams Mamila Wraffing Paper, 20 by 25 inches in size, and to weigh not less than 24 jounds to the ream, and each ream to contain 20 perfect quires; It reams of the same kind of Paper 36 by 32 inches in size, and to weigh not less than 34 pounds to

3,000 mounds Cotton Twine, 4 strands, hard twisted, and in testle to weigh I pound each; 5:00 pounds of the same kind of Twine, on specie, each speol to weigh from 14 to 2 pounds. 2 (44) jounds of course Hemp Twine, about to of an inch in dumeter, well twisted, and in balls or hanks weighing from the 150 pounds of Scarlet ' along Wax, of good quality, for ordi-Proposits will be received for each mittely sequestely, or for the whole. The contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder, the best bid to be descin med after a careful examination for the purpose of ascertaining which hid will, in its practical results, be most advantageous to the department. The Postmaster tien eral reserves to himself the right to reject any bid where it is a apparent that a part of the at these are but for at a very low and n just at a very high rate, without proper regard to cost of each for the purpose of affecting the aggregate of the bids under the ended a continued in this advertisement. Suidles of each affile required must accompany the propossels, and each bid for millet fittielt with his proposed set idence V of his attinty to comply with blatel. Two sufficient sureties will be required to a contract. Fail area to furnish the atticles continued for promptly, or furnish ing articles thlerior to those contracted for, will be considered a nutterent cause for the forfeiture of the contract. Builders will state the earliest jerual at which they will be able to furnish out piles of the articles bid for in the event of the contract being awarded to them, sait will have an important learning upon the swands. But hide will not be entertained which has a period beyond the lot of July west for the delivery Proposals must be marked on the outside of the envelope with the name of the armie or afficies proposed for, and the nuclear

containing the proposals addressed to the "Chief of the A) Johnsment Bureau, Montgemery, Ala. Postma ter General. \* DROPOSALS FOR CTRCULAR MARKING AND RATING STAMPS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA, 1 POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. MONTHOUSET, March 27th, 1961 SKALED PROPOSALS will be received at this department until the first day of May next, until 12 o'clock, M., for turnish ing for the post-shoes of the Contest rate States, for four years | RECEIVED AT THE from the first day of July next, Marking and Raining Stange of the following descriptions, \$121 Class I. Circular Marking Stamps of sieel, or other metal of equal durability, of a circumserence not to exceed \$5, inches, but as much less as courenience and grant tasts may dictate; with the maine of the other and State, with tries for the years, months and days, in block of the metal, with sufficient thumb

myema for the manie, with handles of Corns, Mahingary or other beary would, of a model ment convenient for use. In proposite Charge, per letter of figure, for inserting, within the circle when THE USUAL DEDUCTION MADE IN FAVOR required, such words and figures as Paid, Part 5 and 10, Ship, Class 2. Circular Marking Stamps of front or other material ) equal therein, for the use of promittee and rease agents on the Failt could and strandent mail liters; with the name of the office and State, or the name of the ratirous or river line; with type for months and dates, in blocks of the came material, with suitable thumb screw, and handles of black walnut or cherry tree, of a tradet best adapted for use; the circumiterence of the stamp to the same as described in class No. 1. Class 3 Circular marking starting of this word, or other ma-tertals of equal durability, of the same pite as Class No. 1, with the name of the other and State; with type for months and days, of printers' type metal, in blocks or single letters and fi-gures, with thumb acrew and handles the same as described in

(Tare 6. Marking stamps for foreign malls similar to those ) pow to use to the Postorices at New York, Philadelphia and

Class No. 3.

Boston, U. S., or of any other stylejadapted to the above pur-Alm, the following rather starting in correspond with the cirmenchip, and such wher rating stamps and named herein as may be required, of a like description, at pre rata prices; and if the style or materials thereof shall be altered by direction of the department, the price shall be incremed or reduced in the name propurties, vis.

Enquesia for improved or judgeted stamps, with cylinders or with other improvements will be committeed. The right to change or alter the style of the stamps described bretther class, upon equitable terms, reserved to the Postman Proposals will be received for furnishing the whole of the above named circular stamps, or for sacre (LASS separately. humps will be ordered for the different classes of editors acconduct to such raise and regulations as may be reafter to adopted by the department. Ministe of the stamps must account past the frequencie Fisch bidder must furnish with his projumits extreme of his ability to comply with his bid. Reflicient surfices will be required to a contract, and the stamps must be delivered at this dejactment at the expense of Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with "Programmie for Postudies Marking Stamps," and addressed to the "Chlef of the Appointment Bureau," Munigemery, Ala.

Punimenter theneral DROPOSALS FOR MAIL LOCKS AND KEYE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

JOHN H. REAGAN.

Montgowent, March 27th, 1961. REALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock M. the 1st day of May well, for furnish ing for hear years from the date of contract, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and entered for the Innia pervice of the Contesterate States, MAIL LIN'ES of the following description, with LETS in triplicate, viz: Brass Mad Lorks, with Keys of the same metal. The Locks and Keys must be of autherior manuferture, and

adapted to the service, in the emential elements of sevenity and durability, and freedom from liability to get out of order, and must be promptly delivered to the department a liberal midethough expense to the government. Each Mul Lord and Key must be startied thus: "C. H. Matt." Bidders are required to furnish samples of Locks and Keya and milalactory evidence of their ability to execute their contrack in once their proposal be accepted. The samples must be delivered at this department on or before the lat day of his mert, and those which shall have seconspusied the accepted prepurals will, in enumerties with such proposals, form the build of the contract to be made. A decision on the title will be made on or before the little day of May sext and the arrested bidder or bidders will be required to enter their continue with audia lead and securities on or before the lat day of July west. Ridders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish surplies of the article bal for, is the event of the contract bring awarded to them, as & will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained which he a seriod beyond the lat of July for the desirery of

The number of the different kinds of Mail Lonks and Keys which will probably to required has been estimated at LIRD of the Heart Leeks and 4 (80) of the Iron, with triplicate Keys for the entire number, but the floatmaster General reserves the right to increase or dominish the number of each kind, according to the exigencles of the juntal service, without change in the crut of autisty or delivery. The Proposale should be addressed "Chief of Contract Buread," Postotice Department, Montgomery, Ala.,

OROPOSALS FOR POSTAGE STAMPS. CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. Montgourst, March 35th, 1861,

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until Sections, P. M. of the lat day of May nest, for furnishing for the use of the Posto-live in the Confederate States Inniage stamps, of the denominations of 2, 5, 10 and 20 cents. The protuge stamps, must be perforated around their edges, and well gunimed, but up in turkages of 1(2) sheets each, and delivered to the Department free of charge, and in such quantities as may be required to bil the orders of justimatures. Proposals are also savised for turnshing strawboard boxes, for packing parcels of pastage succepts of from 148 to 348 shows each, and of the house of equal capacity, to be delivered at the Department. The day for emissionaling the printage state on are to be executed in the best style, and they are to be provided, repewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Hone and security will be required for the faithful performance of the contract, and just ment will be made quarterly. Each betder must automit samples of the postage starops projumed to be furnished, and also furnish evidence of his ability to contribution bis bid. The price, quality of members and the sufficiency of the bidder will be committeed bigether in awarding the contract, and the l'ostmader tieneral reserves to himself the right to annul it whenever he shall discover that the same. or any part of it, is offered for sale in the market for the purpose of apreculation, and he will in my case parection a transfer of the contract to any party who shall be, in his opinion, less able and qualitied than the original bilder or contractor. The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a failure to perform taithfully any of its significant. Bulders will state the earliest person at which they will be able to furnish anyphes of the articles but for, in the event of

ant bearing upon the awards. But bits will not be entertained which has neatest beyond the lat of July near for the delivery The tide about the marked "Proposals for Postice Staters," and addressed "Chief of the Finance Bureau," Postolice Department, Montgomery, Ala. JOHN H. REAGAN. Protesianies (écuera) DROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT. MORPHOBERT, MAICE 27, 1-61. REALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 3 o'clork P. M. of the lot day of May next for turnishing I all the stamped envelopes this Department may require for a period of four years, 112; No. 1, or note size, 1% by 4% inches of white paper. No. 2, or letter size, Jig by big incises, of building white super, or in such proportions of eather so may be required. No. 3, or official size, 3% by 8% mabes, of buil or white jager, or in such proportions of either as may be required. Proposals are also insued for furnishing without ROAED BULES, foremeating parcels of envelopes of list to have a h, and for WOODEN CASES, for macking percents of 10,000 to 25,000. The envelopes to be made in the test munner, of paper of ap-I proved quality, manufactured specially for the buttoner, and having see h water marks as the Postmanter General mas direct. They must be gammed for westing, at least 25 inches on the total, banded in parcels of 25, packed without charge for pack ing, and furnished complete and ready for use, in such quantities as may be required to fill the orders of pretmasters. An agent of the department will furnish the address for each furcel, which is to be pasted on the test by the meaubecturer The dies for embessing the postage stanchs on the envelopes I are to be executed in the test sixte, and they are to be provided. tenewed, and kept in order at the expense of the contractor. Bidders are requested to farmult somether of tager, with their bids, of the quality they intend to use in the manutarture of the leaveloges they propose to furnish. Bonds and security will be required for the faithful perform since of the contract, and just outs under it will be made quar-I terly. Price, quality of samples, and the sufficiency of the tadder, will be combined, together in awarding the contract. and the l'intimater tieneral remitten to humelt the right to amend it wherever he shall discover that the same, or any park of it is offered for said in the market for the purpose of specialation; and he will, in no case, sametion a transfer of the contract to any party who shall be, in his opinion, less able and

qualified than the original budder or contractor. The right is also reserved to annul the contract for a failure to perform I tauthfully any of its supulations. Bulders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish suggises of the articles tal for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an impactand bearing upon the award. But blick all not be entertained which he a period beyond the lat of July next for the delivery All stamped envelopes that may be required by the department to his the orders of Postmasters are to be promptly delivered at this department without additional charge. The rates of jumings to he stamped upon the envelopes are two cents, five cents, ten cents, and twenty cents. The bids should be marked, "Proposals for Sumped Envelopes," and addressed to the "Chief of the Finance Bureau," Postofice Department, Montgomery, Ala.

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